



Testimony in support of LD 2106 An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review
Thursday January 29th

Good afternoon, Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and members of the Judiciary Committee.

My name is Reese Remington, and I am a resident of South Portland, Maine. I am here today in strong support of LD 2106, legislation that would prohibit federal immigration enforcement from entering hospitals, libraries, schools, and daycares without a judicial warrant.

These locations are not only essential public resources – they are spaces of safety, care, and belonging for thousands of families across our state. Yet we are already seeing the harmful impacts of increased and indiscriminate ICE activity in our communities. ICE presence in and near places like schools and daycares has instilled such deep fear that children are being kept home for days or even weeks now at a time. They are missing critical milestones and formative experiences – moments that should be joyful, and instead are learning that safety is conditional, that they must hide to survive. No child should grow up with that memory.

Restricting ICE's access to these sensitive locations is not about impeding justice – it is about ensuring that people can access healthcare, education, childcare, and public services without fear of detention or family separation. These safeguards are essential to community safety and well-being.

I am also testifying today on behalf of Community Action Alliance, the advocacy arm of Community Organizing Alliance, a nonprofit organization based in Lewiston that listens to, educates, and empowers young people while centering Black and immigrant voices. We are witnessing firsthand how young Black immigrants are disproportionately impacted by the absence of these protections. Our organization, alongside local schools, the Lewiston Public Library, and other immigrant-serving organizations, exists in an interconnected ecosystem. We rely on one another to host community events, provide civic education, and cultivate leadership among young people engaged in advocacy and organizing. When fear disrupts one institution, it destabilizes the entire community.

The toll this has taken is profound. Mothers who are healthcare workers are afraid to go to work. Children are missing school out of necessity, not choice. Over the past several weeks, families in our community have been living in a constant state of anxiety and distress.

Maine is consistently ranked as one of the safest states in the country, and we pride ourselves on taking care of one another – especially our most vulnerable neighbors. Allowing these disruptions to continue undermines that value and strips people of a fundamental right: the right to feel safe in their daily lives.

By passing LD 2106, Maine can take a meaningful step toward restoring that sense of safety. This bill would help ensure that schools, libraries, healthcare facilities, and daycares remain places where people can meet their basic needs without fear. It affirms our commitment to protecting community well-being and keeping Maine safe – for everyone who calls it home.

I urge you to support LD 2106. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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