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Testimony of Representative Morgan Rielly in support of
LD 2106, An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without
Proper Judicial Review
Before the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

Good afternoon, Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. I am Morgan Rielly, and I represent House District 127, which includes part of Westbrook. I'm here to provide testimony in support of **LD 2106, An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review**.

I come before the committee today outraged for the community I represent. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has acted with utter recklessness on the streets of my hometown. They are terrorizing my neighbors, business owners, students, and faith leaders. To them, it doesn't matter if you're an immigrant or a citizen.

We've read it in our local news. They are staking out school bus stops. They arrested a student getting groceries. They detained a pastor of a church. They are intimidating law-abiding community members, especially those who are exercising their right to document them.

Yesterday morning, I stood in the freezing cold outside of the factory I used to work for to ensure workers could walk through those doors and do their jobs.

How is this keeping us safe? Well, it isn't.

They promised to go after criminals, but instead have gone after those who follow the law. They show up claiming to protect but menace my community. ICE's presence on the streets of Westbrook is an attack on us and who we are as a city. In the handful of examples I have listed, ICE has violated our four freedoms. Freedom of speech. Freedom of worship. Freedom from want. And freedom from fear. It's just downright un-American and reeks of anti-patriotism.

ICE needs to leave my hometown before they kill one of us. Day by day, I have a pit in my stomach. Dreading when I get the text or see the headline that someone I know in my hometown has been murdered by the government. LD 2106 is a step in the right direction and a necessary guardrail for federal law enforcement that clearly does not respect the rule of law.

I want to thank the bill sponsor for bringing this piece of legislation forward. The New Mainers in Westbrook make our community better. They belong in Westbrook. ICE doesn't. I also want to say that I am proud of the community members who have stepped up to document ICE in their neighborhoods and provide food for those afraid to leave their homes. They represent the good in my community and in our country.

On behalf of my community, I am begging this committee to pass this bill and protect my constituents.