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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Terence Miller, and I am the Advocacy Director at Preble Street. The mission of Preble Street is to provide accessible, barrier-free services to empower people experiencing problems with homelessness, housing, hunger, and poverty, and to advocate for solutions to these problems. Preble Street operates the state's largest dedicated anti-trafficking program, serving over 100 survivors annually. In addition, Preble Street works closely with landlords through our Rapid Rehousing Program (RRH), Veterans Housing Services Program (VHS), and, as the administrator of the Permanent Supportive Housing Program (PSHP), a federally funded initiative through Maine's Department of Health and Human Services, combining affordable housing with services to help individuals and families experiencing both literal homelessness and a disability.

I am here to strongly urge you to support LD 2176, which will prevent landlords from sharing personal information about a tenant or any resident of a tenant's household without consent, with the intent to intimidate or cause someone to leave a rental property. The bill notes two exceptions: a judicial warrant or exigent circumstances. This bill protects tenants' rights, ensuring that landlords cannot intimidate them by threatening to disclose their personal information.

Under this bill, the landlord could not share a tenant's:

- name, address, phone number, email address, social security number, driver's license number, alien identification number, or nondriver identification card number.
- racial or ethnic origins, religious beliefs, health conditions, sexual activity, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or citizenship or immigration status.
- status as a victim of a crime.

A landlord's threat or intimidation to disclose a tenant's personal information could put the tenant in danger, cause extreme emotional harm, and make the tenant feel unsafe in their own home. This is especially true for survivors of human trafficking.

Every day, Preble Street's anti-trafficking caseworkers work in partnership with survivors striving to rebuild their lives. They are already living with the stress, fear, and anxiety of being located by their traffickers or forced back into their trafficking situation. Home should be a safe place—a place where they can look forward with hope, not fear.

Presently, there is no statutory language that protects tenants from a landlord who wants to intimidate them by disclosing personal information about the survivor tenant without their consent. This bill addresses this significant policy gap in a world where privacy rights are valued, and disclosure of personal information could lead to dire consequences for a survivor.

LD 2176 is a statutory provision that protects tenants' personal information from disclosure without their consent, except in cases involving a judicial warrant or exigent circumstances. We respectfully urge the committee to support protecting tenants' privacy rights by passing LD 2124.

Thank you for your time and consideration.