



Testimony of OUT Maine LD 2106, An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review

Dear Honorable Chairs Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to you today on behalf of OUT Maine in support of LD 2106 An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review.

Throughout our 30 years of serving youth across the state of Maine, we know how important it is that all children have safe spaces where they can be themselves and trust the institutions that serve them to protect them from harm. And this bill would help provide that security for our children, families, educators, healthcare workers, and many of our neighbors.

The current administration's lack of humanity should alarm us all, regardless of party. We have all seen what has been happening in Minnesota. Children being used as bait to capture their parents. Students being pepper sprayed by agents on school property. Teachers being detained for trying to protect students. ICE agents forcing their way into hospitals. Much of this is happening without judicial warrants. Two people have been murdered and another shot. Maine must act to ensure we do everything possible to protect our community and compel these agents to comply with the Constitution.

This bill is a common sense piece of legislation that would provide guidance and clarity to employees and employers across these public institutions about their rights and the rights of the people they serve. ICE is already in Maine, in our communities. We need urgent action from our legislators now.

We respectfully ask you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 2106 and stand up for all Mainers.

Thank you,

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