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Dear Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Lily Chaleff, and I am a resident of South Portland, Maine. **I urge you to support the passing of LD 2106 - An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review.**

Since Tuesday, January 20th, our state and local communities have been terrorized by the infiltration of Immigrant Customs Enforcement (ICE). Where I live in South Portland and the greater Portland area, daily community life has been completely disrupted as non-white immigrant neighbors are afraid to leave their houses, due to the complete lack of accountability for Due Process during ICE enforcement. Passing LD 2106 can play a part in reinstating basic protections that have been longstanding and commonsense policy for decades across Democratic and Republican administrations, before the Trump administration's eliminated it.

As an American Jew with an ancestral legacy of the trauma of hiding neighbors to keep them safe from a fascist regime, I am shaken by living in a time where our neighbors have to be in hiding due to fear of being abducted. There is no sense behind the "Catch of the Day Operation" - which is doubling down on being dehumanizing and inhumane. It is a complete fearmongering and terror campaign fueled by racism, xenophobia, and scapegoating. I have heard countless stories from my friends who work in schools about high rates of absenteeism and for those who do show up, heartbreaking stories of how fear is manifesting in children. There are community wide efforts to support people now not able to access groceries, safe transportation, and a pay check - all cornerstones of community life that should be freely accessible without fear or risk.

My question to you is - what role do you think you would have played in history? And how can you make sure you act now, to protect all members of our community. Can you be on the right side of history and provide this small, but significant reinstatement of congressional check & balance on our federal executive branch? **Please vote to instate LD2106.**

Respectfully,

Lily Chaleff