

Judiciary Committee
Public Hearing: Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 1:00 PM
Maine State House, Room 438

Testimony by Madison Cook of Belfast, Maine

In Support of

**LD 2106, An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records
Without Proper Judicial Review.**

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Madison Cook and I live in Belfast. I am writing in support of LD 2106, *An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review*. This bill would require ICE agents to obtain a judicial warrant before entering nonpublic areas or accessing records at schools, daycares, health care facilities, or libraries.

I am an engaged member of my local community, serving on RSU 71's School Board and the Waldo County Technical Center's Cooperative Board, and I am a lecturer at the University of Maine at Augusta. In these roles, I am responsible for ensuring that schools are places where students, educators, and staff feel safe and supported.

In recent conversations within my community, I have heard growing concern about ICE's increased presence in Maine. These concerns affect behavior. When families are uncertain about whether schools or other essential institutions are safe, they may avoid them altogether. This interferes with students' education and limits their access to community resources, including health care.

This issue also has direct implications for Maine's workforce. If parents cannot safely send their children to school or daycare, they cannot reliably go to work. We must protect access to these institutions to support families and contribute to economic stability.

By setting clear limits on ICE's access to sensitive spaces and records, LD 2106 provides reassurance and reinforces due process.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to vote **Ought to Pass on LD 2106** so we can *all* access essential services without intimidation or abduction by ICE.

Respectfully submitted,
Madison Cook
Belfast, Maine