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LD 2106

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In Support of LD 2106, An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records
Without Proper Judicial Review
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Good afternoon Senator, Representative, and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Samantha. I am a private citizen and registered nurse residing in Maine. I appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony in support of LD 2106. I am here today because I believe that all people who live, work, and learn in our state should feel safe accessing essential public services — including education, healthcare, childcare, and public libraries — without fear of immigration enforcement actions taking place in those spaces.

For many years, federal policy recognized the importance of protecting sensitive locations from routine immigration enforcement, acknowledging that schools, hospitals, childcare facilities, and libraries are places where people should be able to access critical services without fear. That federal policy was rescinded in recent years, and since then, there have been troubling reports of immigration enforcement actions occurring at or near these sensitive locations. These incidents have heightened fear among immigrant families and have, in some cases, led to reduced school attendance and reluctance to seek healthcare — outcomes that harm not only immigrant communities but our broader Maine communities as well.

LD 2106 proposes a commonsense approach: require a valid judicial warrant signed by a judge before ICE may conduct enforcement actions in schools, hospitals, daycares, and libraries, and limit the disclosure of nonpublic records related to immigration status unless that same judicial standard is met. This bill also directs the Attorney General's Office to help develop model policies and guidance for staff at these facilities so they are not forced into crisis situations when approached by immigration authorities.

I support this bill because it:

Protects access to critical public services for all Mainers, including children, families, and individuals who fear enforcement actions at places where they should feel safe.
Strengthens trust between communities and public institutions like schools and hospitals — trust that is essential for public health, educational success, and community well-being.

Provides clear, fair standards for when enforcement actions may occur and how sensitive records may be handled, ensuring due process through judicial review rather than administrative discretion alone.

I urge the Committee to support LD 2106 and to work toward its enactment. This bill reinforces our shared values of safety, fairness, and access to essential services for all residents of Maine.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Corey