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LD 2106

Honorable Chairpersons Senator Cheney and Representative Kuhn, and members of the Judiciary Committee

My name is Anne Coughlin, I am a resident of Peaks Island, and I am submitting testimony in SUPPORT of LD 2106: an Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review.

As you know, this bill will prohibit ICE from entering schools, day care centers, hospitals, other healthcare facilities, and libraries to conduct immigration enforcement unless they can produce a valid judicial warrant signed by a judge. It is horrifying that we need to pass this state legislation in order to protect people living in Maine from the unconstitutional actions of our federal government. But here we are.

In Portland, as you know, we are seeing the impact every day of ICE agents harassing and detaining people with complete disregard for due process or Constitutional protections afforded ALL people residing in America. I was raised in a Christian belief that all people are worthy of equal respect and dignity, and all people have the right to live free of unwarranted harassment or detention.

I urge members of this committee to approve LD 2106, to press for a positive vote in the full legislature without delay, and to declare its protections effective the moment the bill is passed and signed into law.

We can do no less, to uphold values of equity, justice and compassion throughout our State.

Thank you.