

To: Judiciary Committee
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RE: Testimony in support of L.D. 2106 - "An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review"

Dear Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to address the Committee. My name is Hadley Couraud, and I live in Norway, ME; I am writing today as a community member and as a volunteer interfaith chaplain. **I am testifying in support of L.D. 2106 "An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review."**

Public schools, child care centers, health care facilities, and public libraries are pivotal places providing irreplaceable services to individuals and to our entire community. Growing up, schools and libraries were such instrumental components of my life, fostering teaching, exploration, and though I didn't have to think of it at the time, safety. As a volunteer chaplain at a regional hospital, I am seeing firsthand how critical our health care facilities are to the wellbeing of our state.

Democrats and Republicans, as well as their administrations, have long respected the commonsense policy prohibiting ICE enforcement actions in these critical places, to ensure that all people an access essential services and meet their basic needs without fear.

This policy does not pose any significant impediment to law enforcement, and while Maine does not have the authority to prohibit all immigration enforcement at places like schools, hospitals, and daycares – which is governed by federal law – the state can put in place measures to ensure we are not actively permitting enforcement at these places.

ICE's current actions in Maine are causing extreme harm – they are stoking fear and paralysis of daily activities, family separation, inhumane detention, and deportation. This has become a true threat to humanity and to life. Do not let yourself be confused or convinced to act complicitly in the face of this dehumanization. Please find the strength in yourself to see each of these people as humans – immigrants, US citizens, and even ICE agents themselves. Carrying out these actions, and being demanded to do so in such sacred community places, are a threat to their humanity as well. When these essential places can remain safe havens and repositories for learning, care, and healing, the entire Maine community will benefit from education, groceries, health care, and the ability to go to work to continue bolstering our workforce and economy.

As a resident of Maine and an interfaith chaplain, I implore you - please - use your power to step up and protect the safety and well-being of ALL Mainers – citizens and immigrants alike. I urge you to support L.D. 2106. Thank you for your time and consideration of my testimony.

Respectfully,
Hadley Couraud