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LD 2106

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I write to urge you to vote in favor of LD 2106 – An act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review.

As Maine struggles with the presence of armed and aggressive ICE agents in our communities, many of us live in fear and distrust – unsure if violence will erupt among us, endangering our lives and those of our families and neighbors as we gather in our schools, hospitals, libraries and other public institutions.

LD 2106 prohibits ICE from entering these public places to conduct immigration enforcement without a valid judicial warrant signed by a judge. Importantly it also provides guidance and support to those people who provide invaluable services in these locations, ensuring they are not put in crisis situations and forced to make individual decisions about how to respond. It protects immigrants fearful of going to get health care or of sending their children to school, and it provides clarification to those dedicated members of the workforce who care for the people we love.

My Unitarian Universalist faith teaches me that all people are worthy of respect and dignity. It teaches that all people have the right to live free from fear of harassment or detention, to attend school, work in public places and participate as valued members of our communities. I believe LD 2106 can help to create a more just, compassionate and equitable community for all of us.

Please vote to pass LD 2106.

Thank you.

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