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Testimony of Rep. Julie McCabe in support of
LD 2106, An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records
Without Proper Judicial Review
Before the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

Good afternoon, Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and the esteemed members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Julie McCabe, and I am honored to represent District 93, which includes part of Lewiston. I am offering my testimony today in support of **LD 2106, An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review** and thank Representative Sato for bringing this important legislation forward.

The presence of Immigration and Customs Enforcement in the City of Lewiston and elsewhere in Maine means that our neighbors, family and friends find themselves living in a city that is akin to a police state. Our community members have become forced to make the harrowing decision to go to the grocery store, school or work for fear of being racially profiled at a traffic stop or accosted by agents while walking home.

At the federal level, we have seen a complete abandonment of the constitutional principles upon which our nation is founded and, in its place, an embrace of totalitarian tactics including intimidation, unfettered violence and doublespeak. The indiscriminate targeting of Mainers due to their skin color or national origin, no matter their legal immigration status or criminal history, means nowhere is safe.

In the face of repressive, xenophobic and anti-democratic federal policies, we can take action and stand up for Mainers at the state level – and we must.

By safeguarding our places of learning and healing, as this bill seeks to do, we can stand up for our coworkers, for our students, and for communities across our state.

I urge this committee to pass this critical legislation to provide a measure of protection and safety for our fellow Mainers. Thank you for your time and consideration.