

January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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To: Honorable Chairs and Committee Members, Judiciary Committee, Maine Legislator

I am writing to support the passage of LD 2106, "An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review"

This bill primarily restores a policy that the Federal Government rescinded at the beginning of the new administration. The policy limited immigration enforcement in Schools, Hospitals, and other critical public areas. We do not want parents afraid to let their kids go to school, or to miss important doctor's appointments for fear of getting picked up by ICE or CBP.

LD 2106 would re-establish the fact that Immigration Authorities could only have access to these important public places in Maine if they had a signed Judicial Warrant. This country was built by immigrants, and with the exception of the Wabanaki, we all are immigrants. As the oldest state in the nation, we need immigrants in our workforce and we need to make them feel welcome and safe.

As a German Jew, my dad suffered the effects of World War 2 – having to escape Germany and come to England. He witnessed the beginning of the Nazi onslaught when migrants and Jews began getting rounded up. The parallels are too close right now with an administration that is focused upon terrifying the population of this country, especially our neighbors of color.

Please vote in favor of LD 2106 to protect the most vulnerable among us here in Maine, and to send a strong message to Immigration Authorities that they are not above the law.

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