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To: Members of the Maine Judiciary Committee

From: Erin Pontbriand, LCPC, PMH-C

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Re: Support of LD2106

Thank you for reviewing my statement. For you to take the time, is truly an honor.

My name is Erin Pontbriand and I have been a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor for 9 years. During my clinical internship I worked for an agency in Biddeford providing case management to our immigrant community by helping them navigate their new world. When I graduated in 2016 I continued to support them as a Mental Health Therapist helping them navigate the scars left behind from their old world.

In 2018, I was deployed through the Air National Guard as the Equal Opportunity Director at a base in Southwest Asia. There I connected to the local community and our host nation contractors developing a deep understanding and mutual respect for each other's cultures.

My support to immigrants may not be as extensive as some, but it has been a meaningful part of my life and my career. The thing that has always stayed the same is that a client has the legal right for their treatment, providers, and health records to remain private. This law should be upheld and protected. It should not be compromised due to the status of someone's citizenship.

In addition to not releasing private health information, I also urge you to continue to recognize the need for a warrant in private spaces. These are not just places of work, these are safe places for all clients. Please do not let our communities be taken advantage of.

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