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I am writing to urge the Maine legislature to swiftly pass LD 2106, An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review.

In ordinary times I support the full freedom of Maine citizens to cooperate with all law enforcement. But right now I'm dismayed by the avalanche of news from different parts of our state and nation, about how cavalierly federal officers, in particular ICE officers, are executing their mission, using violent paramilitary-style tactics and without judicial warrants.

As such, I support this bill's emergency guidelines, to help ICE and CPB officers peacefully perform their missions while preserving the good will and physical safety of both the officers and of we Mainers. It's imperative that we move to do so now, while ICE's Operation Catch of the Day makes it most necessary.

As a parent of a child in a Downeast public school, I'm particularly interested in keeping my son's educational, library, and healthcare experiences as peaceful as they've been for all of his twelve years. And I feel it's neither safe nor fair to saddle administrators at his and other schools, childcare centers, libraries, hospitals and clinics with the additional responsibility of interpreting officer intent in lieu of proper judicial warrants--warrants that, preferably, are non-aggressively presented.

As a long-time Mainer, I have only positive things to say about immigrants and asylum seekers from the five countries this offensively named federal Operation targets, and whom I've had the pleasure to meet. I have experienced only the most appropriate and civilly responsible behavior among migrants; they're model Mainers and model citizens. Furthermore, I feel that if there were a problem with refugee/immigrant lawlessness, it would be especially easy to recognize in a state like Maine which is, frankly, overwhelmingly white and English-speaking. Having not heard about any such problematic behavior before now, I long for the quiet, peaceful coexistence that has reigned in our state up until the Trump Administration's current over-enforcement measures.

I am glad, too, that this diligently written legislation provides for the publication of model policies and guidance by Maine's Attorney General at a reasonable time after the current atmosphere of fear and mistrust has passed.

Please help Mainers like me preserve the peace, openness, and welcoming environment we've come to love in our state, by passing LD 2106 without delay.

Thank you for hearing my views.

Sincerely,

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