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LD 2106

My name is Claudia Sayre, and I am a resident of Kennebunk. I am writing in support of LD 2106, an Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records without Proper Judicial Review.

I strongly support the bill's provisions limiting immigration enforcement in public schools, state postsecondary educational institutions, healthcare and childcare facilities, and public libraries. As a former member of the RSU 21 school board, I am acutely aware of the toll that current ICE activities in Maine are having on student learning. Public schools are charged with ensuring that ALL students have an authentic opportunity to gain the academic, social, and emotional skills necessary to navigate life in our very challenging world. At present, immigrant parents are keeping their children home from school out of justifiable fear that ICE will seize them and/or their children during school drop off or pick up or enter the school during school hours and seize their children during the school day. In addition to impeding immigrant children's right to an education, the prospect of masked and armed ICE agents breaking into their classrooms and brutally dragging away their classmates, students, and friends to detention centers is preventing EVERY Maine public school student and teacher from focusing on learning.

Access to a meaningful education, healthcare, and childcare are core human needs. ICE agents without appropriate judicial warrants should be barred from preventing immigrant families from accessing these institutions to meet those needs. Maine's legislative officials are charged with protecting the health and safety of all Maine residents. The access limitations on ICE agents described in LD 2106 are a good first step towards honoring that core responsibility. I am personally appalled by the inhumane and illegal behavior of the ICE agents that have infiltrated our state and are terrorizing our immigrant neighbors and the volunteers exercising their constitutional right to document ICE agent lawlessness, provide aid to their immigrant neighbors, and protest ICE atrocities. I am grateful for the legislature's submission of this bill and strongly support its passage into law.