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**Re:** LD 2106, "An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review"

**To:** Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary

My name is Sally Wagley and I live in Brunswick. I practiced law in the Augusta area for 25 years (I am now retired); I have always believed that ours is a country of laws, and have always supported the fair and impartial application of those laws. I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in support of LD 2016, which would place limits on immigration authorities' access to health care facilities, schools, child-care centers and public libraries.

Never did I imagine the type of chaos being sown by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Maine communities just down the road from me. In the past week, we have seen: the abduction of Maine residents (citizens and non-citizens alike) without judicial warrants or due process; the physical assault by gangs of ICE officers (six or seven at a time) against lone "targets" as well as bystanders; the destruction of property (such as the unnecessary breaking of car windows and the battering in of front doors); reckless traffic violations (such as the Portland Press Herald's account of two ICE vehicles crossing two lanes of traffic to reach a "target"); and the obstruction of traffic (ICE officers leaving the empty vehicles of their "targets" in the roadway, to the detriment of the public). In Maine we have been fortunate to have reasonably safe communities with low levels of crime, and in just a few days that sense of security has been shattered by gangs of ICE officers roaming the streets. We have heard time again and time again that ICE's "targets" are threats to public safety (the "worst of the worst"); time again and time again these claims have been debunked, as ICE sweeps up law-abiding people going to their jobs, taking their children to school, and dutifully showing up for immigration hearings. The true threat to safety in Maine communities is coming from ICE itself.

The State of Maine must do everything it can to place limits on ICE's reckless and unlawful behavior and to maintain some degree of normalcy in our communities. This is especially true in settings where there are sick people (hospitals), people trying to obtain health care for themselves and their families (physicians' offices, clinics, mental health centers), places where children and other vulnerable people are cared for (child care centers, residential and long-term care facilities), and children and adults seeking an an education (schools, colleges and public libraries). Moreover, the public servants who work in these settings (such as teachers, health care workers and social workers), who already face challenges, need to have the law on their side when their places of work are invaded by gangs of ICE officers.

Thank you for considering my testimony, and I urge you to vote "ought to pass" on LD 2106.