

January 29, 2026

Senator Anne Carney, Senate Chair
Representative Amy Kuhn, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

RE: Testimony in SUPPORT of L.D. 2106 “An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review”

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Jennifer Webber. I am a resident of Biddeford, Maine. Thank you for considering my testimony in support of L.D. 2106.

As background, I previously served on the board of directors of the former Maine Business Immigration Coalition (MeBIC). Many members of the coalition continue to actively work on advancing sensible immigration policies to strengthen Maine’s economy. For generations, immigrants have been vital to Maine – including to employers, particularly in sectors experiencing workforce shortages, and to Maine’s economy, communities, and future.

Recent immigration enforcement in Maine, along with federal government actions rescinding previous long-standing policies that limited federal immigration enforcement activity at locations like schools and health care facilities, have created uncertainty and confusion among immigrants, as well as employers and employees at locations where immigrants and their children learn, worship, access health care, and more.

L.D. 2106 is needed to address confusion and uncertainty for employers and employees by making it clear that no one can volunteer consent for immigration enforcement to enter non-public spaces, conduct activities, or request student or patient records, etc., at sensitive locations, and that doing so violates Maine law. L.D. 2106 will not only give employers clear guidance to convey to their employees, but will give the State an additional tool to pursue legal action in cases of federal overreach.

Considering the increase, alarming nature, and confusion surrounding recent federal immigration enforcement activity in Maine, L.D. 2106 is needed for clarity and to protect all individuals at sensitive locations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jennifer Webber
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