



Maine LD 2106: An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review

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Dear Sen. Carney, Rep. Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of LD 2106.

I am a licensed clinical social worker and the program director of the Social Work Program at the University of Maine at Presque Isle. This testimony reflects my professional experience and community involvement.

Since moving to Maine in 2022, I have had the privilege of teaching, advising, and working alongside international students both on campus and in the broader community. In these roles, I have consistently observed their dedication, resilience, and commitment—not only to academic success but also to meaningful engagement within my community.

Maine is experiencing chronic workforce shortages driven by an aging population. Immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers are essential to addressing these shortages and supporting the long-term vitality of our communities. For these individuals to succeed, however, they must be able to access schools, healthcare facilities, childcare settings, and other public institutions without fear. LD 2106 provides necessary and reasonable protections by requiring valid judicial warrants for immigration enforcement in these spaces and by prohibiting public employees from voluntarily facilitating such enforcement.

Importantly, LD 2106 does not obstruct federal law enforcement. Rather, it establishes clear standards for how immigration enforcement is carried out in public spaces and affirms basic due process protections. This clarity benefits both institutions and the communities these institutions serve.

Recent immigration enforcement actions have eroded the sense of safety that many new Mainers rely upon as they build their lives in our state. Passage of LD 2106 would be a meaningful step toward restoring that sense of security and ensuring that Maine remains a welcoming and stable place for individuals and families who contribute to our workforce and communities.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Judiciary Committee to vote “ought to pass” on LD 2106. Thank you for your time and consideration.