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As we did in 2020, we must create safety for our most vulnerable populations, this time by ensuring our schools, hospitals, and libraries are free from ICE. It is vital that our neighbors and community members be able to learn, access, and provide essential services without fear that they or their children will be threatened, abducted, or murdered by illegal law enforcement. It is also essential that their information be protected by their work places and schools. The trauma of this moment will ripple through many generations to come; providing assurance that ICE can not access private documents or force entry into sacred public spaces will provide some measure of reassurance to those who have been forced to shelter in place.

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