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Please support this bill.

My kids' friends, who are here legally, are afraid to come to school. Teachers are distracted and stretched thin, trying to serve kids in the classroom and those who are afraid to come. The fear that CBP and ICE have put into our schools makes them dysfunctional for everyone, and hurts everyone.

My wife's coworkers, who are here legally on work visas, are afraid to go to work at the hospital. Cleaners, nursing assistants, nurses and others fear being picked up by random goons in unmarked vehicles because their skin is darker than other people around town. Of course, this is unconstitutional, and in practical terms, it means care for all patients gets worse for everyone, and our underpaid and overworked care teams just get closer to burn out.

I urge you to support this bill. It will not fix everything - people are still afraid to leave their homes to get to these places, but the undeserving targets of these raids - and the people who serve them as teachers, nurses, librarians, and care providers - deserve to feel safe when they're inside of these places.

Thank you for your consideration.

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