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I am a child and adolescent clinical social worker that provides therapy for underserved youth and their families. Over the past week, with the escalation of ICE activity in Portland, my patients and their parents have expressed fear and concern about attending appointments in the office. With the current lack of legislation to protect ICE from entering the building, my patients have had to make the decision to switch appointments to telehealth or cancel in order to keep themselves safe.

Additionally, the collective trauma and unrest present amongst my clients will have a lasting impact on their sense of safety and require additional mental health supports. Necessitating a judicial warrant to enter healthcare facilities, schools, daycares, and libraries is warranted in order to keep our children, their families, and our whole community safe. Thank you for your consideration to this matter.