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Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective. I moved here in 2021 from Kentucky. My oldest child was about to start kindergarten. She was brave and beautiful and free and she still is. I made the choice to move here so that she had ACCESS to education, to health care and for a safe and better future. I have not regretted this decision once. I miss my home. I know my daughter still has phantom feelings that she is out of place, but I know that she is safe. This is the most important thing to me as a mother.

In 2023 my family made the decision to also move my mother here. She had just been told she was in remission from her second round of breast cancer. She was driving up to 9 hours one way to receive medical care. Once she was here, I knew that she would never have to do that again. And I knew that she would never have to do it alone.

My family has an immigrant story. The only difference is that we are white. We didn't have to cross a border. We didn't have to wait for papers. We don't have to fear that someone will stop us on the way to care for our children. We don't have to fear that someone will rip us from our hospital bed before we are recovered. Everyone deserves to be here. Everyone deserves access to medical care no matter where they come from or the color of their skin. Fear should never be present inside a hospital.