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I am a primary care faculty physician in Portland and many of my patients are Spanish-speaking or of Latino heritage. I have numerous patients who are frightened to come to clinic for fear of immigration agents. Many of these patients are legal citizens who are still frightened that they will be stopped, harassed or detained. I have a specific patient whose anxiety due to this has gotten so bad that he is unable to work. I strongly support SB1570 limiting immigration enforcement activity in healthcare spaces.