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I am a nurse practitioner and I support SB 1570. We need greater protections for patients in healthcare facilities, particularly against the growing threat of ICE in our communities. I have countless patients who miss appointments and stop taking their medications because they are afraid to come to the clinic or pharmacy, due to fear of being detained. ICE should never be allowed to enter healthcare facilities. If my clinic were a protected space, my patients would feel safer coming to their appointments, resulting in better management of acute and chronic conditions.