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On Behalf Of:

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I support the bill to disallow immigration enforcement into non-public health care spaces. As a hospital worker who focuses on serving unhoused patients, I am certain that the fear of arrest or deportation will prevent people from seeking necessary and emergency medical attention. Nobody should have to worry about these factors when access health care. Most of our patients already face tremendous barriers to getting the care they need, and the work my team does attempts to undo past traumas in health care settings for historically discriminated against populations. Having immigration enforcement be allowed to access non public health care spaces will only serve to degrade individual and public health. Please consider passing this bill to prevent immigration enforcement from accessing health care spaces to terrorize our community.

Thank you.