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Hello.

These are uncertain times. It is unlikely that when you first entered government, you envisioned needing to address such issues as protecting students from unregulated federal agents. Yet, here we are. The people of Oregon are looking to you to protect their children and provide a safe place for learning and engaging with peers.

As a designer of educational spaces, a practicing therapist, and a mother, I witness the impact the current administration has had on our community.

Dropping my kids off at school in the morning, my fear of school shootings has been replaced with a fear of federal agents storming my child's school.

Read that one more time. This is the reality of being a parent in the United States in 2026. And we are the lucky ones. Until recently, our white bodies provided a privilege that many of our friends and neighbors are not afforded. I cannot turn to my daughter or my son and assure that their friend will not disappear one day for no reason other than who they are.

Our community's children, parents, and educators are living in fear. I ask that we prepare ourselves to protect those we care about and provide a safe place of learning for all families. Thank you.