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I believe access to healthcare is a human right, regardless of where you are from, where you live or what country you are a citizen of. As a nurse who works in a subspecialty where access to treatment can be the difference between life or death, I've talked to too many patients who are afraid to come to the hospital, clinic or pharmacy to get the care they need for fear of immigration authorities. We should seek to create an environment of safety, where people can access healthcare without fear- regardless of how they entered the country or their status as a citizen. I urge you to support this measure.