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I oppose this bill because as I have stated in my testimony during the public hearing, this bill screams 2 things to me. First, harboring illegal immigrants. As educators, there are ways to keep student calm and understand the issues happening within their communities and around school grounds. Fearmongering them on what Immigration officers are doing is not educating them, does not calm their fears, but shoving your political views and indoctrination down their throats. Do you not see how indoctrinated those students are that they cannot even think for themselves, assess the situation and why it is happening? Because monkey see monkey do. Elementary and middle school kids aren't afraid in seeing Immigration officers. They are afraid because their teachers tell them they should be afraid. They are afraid because they see their teachers being afraid for no reason.

Lastly, I am truly concern for the safety of students. If this bill goes through every illegal immigrant are now going to be running to school grounds and entering schools. What will the supposedly 2 staff members that will supposedly be trained to handle Immigration officers do to the illegal immigrant? Allow them in, which that is a federal offense in harboring an illegal immigrant and calls for a major federal lawsuit. Not to mention, when push comes to shove, are teachers and staff members of each school ready to deal with a criminal illegal immigrant? Now you are putting everyone's lives in danger, most importantly the lives of hundreds of children entrusted to teachers and staff by parents.

As a family of legal immigrants, it is disgusting to see such bill being introduced. Students cannot seem to think for themselves but stand for what their teachers fearmonger them with.