

Support for SB0088, State and Local Government - Participation in Federal Immigration Enforcement

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I am a primary care physician for immigrants, mostly Spanish-speaking, at the Esperanza Center Health Clinic in Baltimore. These people come to this country fleeing from violent persecution, only to meet here, again, violent persecution in the form of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Local law enforcement, which should be serving the community, must not collaborate with the purposeless agencies of blunt-force detention and deportation whom my patients fear. My patients' justified fear of ICE keeps them from seeking medical care, keeps them from seeking legitimate assistance from local government.