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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 1006

HB 1006 - Immigration Enforcement - Sensitive Locations - Guidelines and Policies (Protecting Sensitive Locations Act)

House Judiciary Proceedings Committee

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Dear Honorable Chair Clippinger, Vice Chair Bartlett, and Members of the Committee,

I am pleased to offer **a favorable testimony in strong support of HB 1006- Immigration Enforcement - Sensitive Locations - Guidelines and Policies (Protecting Sensitive Locations Act).**

As a Family Physician I see many Spanish speaking immigrants, both adults and children. I feel it is my responsibility to care for and protect these patients.

For over a decade, federal policy limited Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activities in sensitive locations—such as hospitals, schools, courthouses, and places of worship—to prevent intimidation and ensure access to essential services. However, as of January 20, 2025, the revocation of these protections has left immigrant communities vulnerable to enforcement actions in spaces where they should feel safe.

This shift has already created an environment of fear and uncertainty, discouraging individuals from seeking medical care, pursuing education, accessing legal resources, or engaging with law enforcement. As a result, our communities, public health, and overall safety are at risk.

My patients will stay home if they don't feel safe. That would be detrimental to their health, especially babies and children. Having them feel safe in our office is important.

Everyone should access essential services without fear of detention or separation. Public safety improves when immigrants feel safe reporting crimes and seeking help. Clear enforcement boundaries build trust, strengthening communities and institutions. For these reasons, **I urge the committee to provide a favorable report on HB 1006.**

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