

Good evening, my name is Michelle McGee I am an 8th grade public school teacher with Anne Arundel County public schools. I am writing you this evening to encourage you to make schools a safe place for students this means that we do not need ICE to enter our schools searching for undocumented immigrants. Since Trump became president again, I have seen the number of Hispanic students in my classes drop: I have one student who is now permanently homeschooled and another student who is taking a 3 weeks sabbatical to deal with a "family emergency. We have had students missing more school than they normally do.

My students are afraid: I asked them what's one thing they would like to change and gave them options of school, local, National, just something that they wanted to change, and I had several know that ICE can deport them and their families. They ask what we will do if ICE comes to school: my students should not be focused on that they should be focused on the test they have next week in math the science experiment they're doing on the first floor and the essay that they really need to get typed. Please allow schools to be that safe space where we can focus on learning. Please pass HB10006. thank you!