

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

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From: Tali Stopak

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

I live in District 18 and am pleased to offer **a favorable testimony in strong support of HB 1006.**

I strongly believe that patients should freely go to their health care providers, congregants should be able to worship and students should be able to go to schools without fear of intimidation. I work with Afghan refugees who were granted asylum and the turmoil of the recent revocation of federal protections limiting Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activities in schools, hospitals, court houses and places of worship has created a situation of unneeded stress and tension in people's lives, even among people who are here legally.

This change 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.

Everyone should have access to 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 SB 1006.**

Sincerely,

Tali Stopak