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Position Statement in Support of House Bill 1006 – Protecting Sensitive Locations Act

The City of Greenbelt strongly supports the passage of House Bill 1006, the Protecting Sensitive Locations Act, which seeks to implement critical guidelines for immigration enforcement at sensitive locations across the state of Maryland. This bill will ensure that sensitive environments, such as schools, medical and mental health care facilities, places of worship, and social service establishments, remain safe and accessible for all Maryland residents, regardless of their immigration status.

Greenbelt recognizes the importance of creating an inclusive and welcoming community where residents feel secure accessing essential services without fear of immigration enforcement. Immigrants, who are vital contributors to the City of Greenbelt's social and economic fabric, often avoid seeking necessary health care, education, or social services out of fear of deportation or legal action. The consequences of such hesitation are not only harmful to individuals but also undermine the public health, safety, and welfare of our community as a whole.

By supporting House Bill 1006, Greenbelt aligns with its commitment to protect vulnerable populations and ensure that our schools, healthcare providers, and community services can continue their vital work without interruption. The guidelines outlined in this bill would help create safer spaces where individuals can access the services they need without fear of discrimination or legal consequences.

In addition, Greenbelt recognizes that the bill's provisions are designed to balance the need for immigration enforcement with the need to preserve the integrity of public institutions and community well-being. The careful implementation of these guidelines will help maintain trust between residents and local authorities, ensuring that individuals can engage with essential services without the fear that their status will be questioned or reported.

The City of Greenbelt firmly believes that the protection of sensitive locations is a critical step in building an equitable, supportive, and safe community. For these reasons, Greenbelt fully supports the passage of House Bill 1006 and urges lawmakers to act swiftly to enact this important legislation.

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