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**TESTIMONY ON SB#0810 - POSITION: FAVORABLE**

**Public Schools - School Security Personnel - Immigration Investigation and Enforcement**

**TO:** Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and members of the Education, Energy and the Environment Committee

**FROM:** Richard Keith Kaplowitz

My name is Richard Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#0810, **Public Schools - School Security Personnel - Immigration Investigation and Enforcement**

This bill is submitted to prevent the use of school security personnel or school resource officers from becoming ICE agents in performance of their duties. The Greater Good Science Center of UC-Berkley has reported on *How ICE Raids Are Affecting Children—And What Schools Can Do - What is immigration enforcement doing to kids and families? And what can schools do to protect their students' mental health and physical safety?*<sup>1</sup>

Experts and educators alike say that immigration raids are inflicting a terrible toll on children's mental health and education. Some school systems have created new rules for addressing ICE visits to their campuses. Others are [sharing information](#) with families about their rights, and some parents [signed power of attorney](#) agreements that would give another adult the ability to take custody, even briefly, of their children should they be detained.

Here's an overview of what ICE raids are on kids and how schools are responding to protect their students' mental health and physical safety.

- Immigrants in schools
- Educational outcomes
- Mental health impact
- What's happening in children's minds
- What can schools do?

This bill will prohibit public school security personnel from engaging in certain federal immigration investigation and enforcement functions; and prohibiting public school security personnel from producing or sharing certain student or employee information for purposes of federal immigration investigation and enforcement, except under certain circumstances.

We know and can see the harms from the decision that schools are no longer treated as a safe space, a sanctuary, by ICE. This bill restores that safety to our students and staff.

**I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB0810.**

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<sup>1</sup> [https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/how\\_ice\\_raids\\_are\\_affecting\\_children\\_and\\_what\\_schools\\_can\\_do](https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/how_ice_raids_are_affecting_children_and_what_schools_can_do)