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**Senate Bill 810 – Public Schools – School Security Personnel –
Immigration Investigation and Enforcement**

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Mister Chairman and Members of the Education, Energy and the Environment Committee:

Across the country, children are being harmed by immigration enforcement actions. They are witnessing armed agents conduct raids at their schools, homes and communities. They are living in a climate of fear. And children don't need to be directly impacted by these actions to be harmed. Children who see their friends afraid of losing a loved one or of being detained, are also living in conditions of chronic stress which undermines healthy development.

Under our State Constitution, children are entitled to, "a thorough and efficient System of Free Public Schools." Children cannot be afforded "a thorough and efficient" education if they do not trust those schools to protect them and keep them safe.

Senate Bill 810 will be one step in restoring community trust and help in alleviating some fears of students and parents while children are in school. This legislation would bar public school security personnel from producing or sharing information or documentation pertaining to student educational records or any other information about or from a student, a public school employee, or a public school employee's family or household for the purposes of federal immigration investigation or enforcement.

The bill further requires public school security personnel to immediately contact their county superintendents and district legal counsel if they are presented with a valid judicial warrant, judicial subpoena or other legal order to produce information about a student, school employee or their families related to federal immigration enforcement investigations.

Intimidation and fear have no place in our schools, and our schools cannot function without the trust of their students and parents. By ensuring that our school security personnel are focused on the jobs they were hired to do – protecting our children – and not being drawn into federal immigration enforcement, our schools can move forward with providing students with a safe space to learn and grow.

For these reasons, I respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 810.