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Maryland Senate
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Honorable Chair, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the pediatric nurse practitioners (PNPs) and fellow pediatric-focused advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) Maryland Chesapeake Chapter, we are writing to express our **support of Senate Bill 810 Public Schools - School Security Personnel - Immigration Investigation and Enforcement.**

We believe it is crucial that schools remain a safe space for children and that students, regardless of their immigration status. This is particularly important for vulnerable populations who may be apprehensive about seeking support services or fully participating in school activities due to fears related to immigration enforcement. This bill aligns with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) policy, which emphasizes that children should not be subjected to immigration enforcement in school settings. The AAP advocates for creating safe and supportive environments for all children, asserting that schools should be places for learning and growth, free from the fear of deportation and legal action. NAPNAP also recently issued a call to action to include the Protect Sensitive Locations Act in Department of Homeland Security funding. This act would codify previous past policies that prohibited enforcement actions by ICE agents within 1,000 feet of hospitals, health clinics and clinical practices, as well as schools, homeless shelters and child-centered community locations.

Moreover, this bill helps to promote a culture of trust between students, families, and educational institutions. When students feel secure, they are more likely to seek help when needed, engage in their education, and build positive relationships with educators and peers. This is vital for their emotional and mental health and contributes to a healthier and more inclusive school community. For these reasons, the Maryland Chesapeake Chapter of NAPNAP extends their **support of SB810 Public Schools - School Security Personnel - Immigration Investigation and Enforcement and requests a favorable report.**

The pediatric advanced practice nurses of your state are grateful to you for your attention to these crucial issues. The Maryland Chapter of NAPNAP membership includes over 200 primary and acute care pediatric nurse practitioners who are committed to improving the health and advocating for our state’s pediatric patients. If we can be of any further assistance, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Maryland Chapter legislative chair, Dr. JD Murphy, at mdchesnapnapleg@outlook.com.

Sincerely,

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