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To the House Committee on Judiciary,

I am writing in support of House bill 5225, the Protected Spaces Act. This bill would limit the ability for any federal immigration authority to investigate, detain, apprehend or arrest any individuals for potential violations of federal immigration laws without a judicial warrant within certain protected locations.

This legislation would prohibit immigration enforcement at schools. This is important because all children have the right to education. Fear of being detained at school drop off or pick up can lead some families to avoid bringing their children to school. This means that certain groups of students are not receiving the same education as others which is a form of discrimination. As we have seen recently, legal residents, including visa and green card holders, are also being detained by ICE. This only adds to the number of people that are afraid to leave their homes in fear of being deported. Schools need to be protected spaces so that ALL children can access them.

Please support H5225 so that all children have equal access to education. Thank you.

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