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Dear Members of the House Education Committee,

I am a resident of Cranston, RI. I am writing to you today to express my support for HB5225. As a child psychiatrist I have seen first hand how the fear of deportation or deportation of family members is impacting the well being of RI youth. We have already seen our neighbors avoiding travel, shopping, and leaving their homes for fear of being confronted by ICE. We have already seen that legal residents are mistakenly detained and deported without due process. And now we have started see children too afraid to go to school because it is an easy target for ICE to carry out this activity. Every child deserves a safe education and this makes school unsafe for all children. Education of our children and protecting our neighbors is how we build a stronger state for all Rhode Islanders, which is why I support this bill wholeheartedly.

Sincerely,  
Claire Williams, MD