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I am writing in strong SUPPORT of SB 1570-1. I have proudly been a nurse for 21 years and an ONA member. I believe strongly in the ANA code of ethics; we are committed to providing compassionate care to all individuals. Many healthcare providers currently are feeling harassed or threatened by the presence of federal immigration agents in the healthcare setting. With hospitals administration providing no clear guidance in these situations, we feel unsafe and unsupported. This leads us to not being able to provide the best care to the patients whose health and safety we have promised to prioritize. Patients are becoming more and more terrified of seeking care, which can lead to life-threatening emergencies. Hospital associations say that they want to protect healthcare workers and patients but say the language of the bill is "not quite there." There is no one protecting us now. SB 1570-1 would provide much more guidance for healthcare facilities to restrict the overreach from these agents. Please pass SB 1570-1. Thank you.