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As a current healthcare provider and future doctor, I feel the recent activities of immigration enforcement to be a massive infringement on the four pillars of ethics, which should be at the forefront of our decision-making: autonomy, justice, beneficence, and nonmaleficence. ICE's activities are a massive threat to general trust in healthcare, which has already been on the ropes for a painfully long time, and directly violate HIPAA policies. We take an oath as providers to do no harm and to advocate for our patients. To be put in an impossible power dynamic where we are forced to choose between upholding those promises and complying with the orders of a wildly unregulated organization whose representatives are armed is a situation we should never find ourselves in, but nevertheless have. I urge the committee to do what's objectively right, and approve the study into protections. I urge you to imagine what it must be like to not only be the healthcare provider in this situation, but also the patient. In an unstable time in this country, tap into your empathy along with your logic.