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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure: SB1578

My name is Megan Meckey and I am a volunteer with Unite Oregon and a Portland resident, I am writing to you in support for SB 1578.

It is unreasonable that healthcare interpreters often don't have access to healthcare of their own and are unable to make a living wage by providing this necessary service to our communities. This bill will ensure greater opportunities for work for healthcare interpreters while also making this a more accessible service to all Oregonians. It also provides a great opportunity for OHA and a non profit entity to leverage the technology available to provide more coordinated care. This is a simple solution to a major gap in healthcare for Oregonians. This touches all of our communities from Portland to rural Oregon, more coordinated care will benefit all Oregonians. Please vote yes on SB 1578.