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

Hello my name is Juan Pedro Moreno Olmeda, and I am a community member in Washington County. I am writing in support of SB 1578.

Interpreters make the world "go round", and I believe it is preposterous that medical institutions have gotten away with not providing health insurance and other benefits to those who also serve our most vulnerable populations, our medical interpreters. We need more medical interpreters that are multilingual, and I am asking for more investment for workforce development and training for our communities.

I am also writing to encourage Oregon Health Authority to establish and maintain an online portal with the functionality to provide online scheduling for healthcare providers and coordinated care organizations to contact healthcare interpreters directly and be able to process billing. As well as establish a workforce development program. This will guarantee healthcare interpreters receive greater pay and benefits while simultaneously helping us reach our statewide health equity goals.

I ask the committee to vote yes on SB 1578