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

My name is Catherine Wangari. I am writing to request your support for SB 1578.

I am a healthcare professional and having the interpreter services available will ensure that we provide excellent care to our patients. Oregon healthcare providers serve diverse groups of people in the community. Healthcare interpreters help our patients understand their medical issues in a language that they are proficient in. The American Academy of Family Physicians points to research documenting the benefits of professional medical interpreters, ranging from fewer errors in communication and improved patient satisfaction to shorter hospital stays and lower malpractice risk.

I appreciate your attention on this matter, and I urge the committee to vote yes on SB 1578.]