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RE: Testimony in Support of SB 1570-1

To the Senate Health Care Committee:

We can help make Oregon a state where all people receive healthcare without fear. ICE agents wander hospital halls and remain with patients in private exam rooms after nurses assert that patient-privacy standards mandate that they leave. Their trampling of nurse and physician guidance speaks loudly for the need of this bill. In Oregon, more and more immigrants are delaying care for themselves and their dependents, putting people at risk of worsened health, greater caretaking burden in the home, and increased fear and isolation. Hospitals and federally qualified health centers should be places that all Oregonians, regardless of immigration status, trust for their care.

Improper and unprecedented presence of federal officers in healthcare facilities should never compromise the care that is advised by the provider, nor should it compromise the privacy that all patients deserve under the law.

Thank you for the considering this testimony and I look forward to your support.
Selena