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On Behalf Of:
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Dear committee members,

As a pediatrician providing care in Clackamas county I strongly support SB 1570.

Unfortunately we (locally and nationally) are seeing parents foregoing essential preventive care visits and even hesitating to seek care for their sick children due to fear of ICE enforcement activity. We have already seen well publicized cases of families with minors being apprehended outside of medical facilities while seeking care - it is therefore essential that families be protected at a minimum within the private patient care areas of our health care facilities. If families do not feel safe enough to seek care we will see sicker children whose suffering could have been prevented and this will create greater stress on our healthcare and public health system generally.

Ensuring that vulnerable Oregonians feel safe accessing necessary medical care regardless of their immigration status is urgently important. I urge you to vote YES on SB 1570.

Thank you for considering this testimony and that of similarly concerned physicians statewide.

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