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Hello,

As a colorectal surgeon in Portland, I strongly support SB 1570.

\* 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.

\* I care for cancer patients who, when diagnosed and treated early, may thankfully be cured. Delays in screening, such as colonoscopy, and in treatment may mean cancers become more advanced and no longer be curable, or now require not just surgery, but chemotherapy and/or radiation even just for palliation of suffering. This is unacceptable for our community members. Our patients and caregivers deserve the best shot at the real opponents, cancer and suffering.

\* Eventually people will need care but may only seek it out when there is little but palliation available. These are our neighbors and community members.

\* We need statewide direction that puts hospitals to task of reinforcing privacy boundaries and high clinical standards.

\* California's legislature approved many of these same measures last year, via SB 81, upon the advocacy of the California Immigrant Policy Center, the Latino Coalition for Healthy California, unions, and swaths of residents, immigrants and non-immigrants alike.

\* It is essential that caregivers have protections against retaliation for cases where they share know-your-rights information — information that pertains to constitutional

or immigration law, or to navigation services or legal services, and is wholly accurate.

As an Oregonian, as a physician, and as a parent, being able to care for those in need without fear for patients or myself is of vital importance.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to share this testimony

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