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RE: Testimony in Support of SB 1570-1

To the Senate Health Care Committee:

I am in support of the Healthcare without Fear Act.

Everyone deserves access to healthcare without fear. The acts of violence, intimidation, and harassment at the hands of federal immigration agents is forcing many Oregonians to delay or skip necessary healthcare; I have even seen critically ill cancer patients miss or delay appointments and avoid being hospitalized for immediate care due to fear of being detained by ICE. I have never seen something like this in my entire career until now. I went into medicine because I believe that healthcare is an human right. ICE's actions are disgusting, fascist and unacceptable.

It is essential that Oregon hold federal officers accountable to the same standards as state and local law enforcement. Accountability is needed to protect patients and staff, uphold legal and ethical care standards and ensure the safety of our communities.

Healthcare decisions belong to patients and their providers—not armed federal agents. All patients have the right to meaningfully participate in their own healthcare decisions, the right to privacy and a right to receive essential healthcare. This bill secures these rights for all patients and ensures that hospitals remain places of healing, not detention and deportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment and I look forward to your support.

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