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To: Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Knopp, and Members of the Senate Committee on Health Care

From: Dylan Green, RN, MSN

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Subject: Support for SB 1570 – The Healthcare Without Fear Act

?Chair Patterson and Members of the Committee,

?I am writing today to express my strong support for SB 1570, the Healthcare Without Fear Act. As a healthcare worker in Oregon, I have seen firsthand how the blurring of lines between law enforcement and medical care compromises our ability to treat patients and, more importantly, undermines the fundamental trust necessary for a healthy community.

?Our hospitals and clinics must be sanctuaries of healing. When a person enters a medical facility, their only focus should be their recovery. Instead, I have spoken with countless patients and acquaintances who live in a state of constant hyper-vigilance. They describe a paralyzing fear of leaving their homes—not because of their health, but because they fear that they or their loved ones might be effectively kidnapped by ICE while seeking basic necessities or medical attention. When fear of deportation outweighs the fear of a medical emergency, our entire public health system suffers.

?The need for clear boundaries is not abstract; it is written on the bodies of the people we care for. I recently treated a patient who arrived with ten pepper ball wounds across her body. She had been targeted while exercising her First Amendment rights at a peaceful protest. Her injuries were a physical manifestation of the risks people take to stand up for their beliefs. My empathy for her was deeply personal; I have stood on those same front lines and experienced being teargassed while marching in a union protest. I know the physical and emotional toll that state-sanctioned force takes on a person.

?When a patient like her enters our doors, they are already traumatized. If they then encounter federal agents in a space that is supposed to be safe, that trauma is compounded. Healthcare workers should never be placed in a position where we are forced to choose between our ethical duty to our patients and the demands of immigration enforcement.

?SB 1570 provides a necessary framework to ensure that:

?Patient Privacy is Protected: By classifying immigration status as protected health information.

?Clear Boundaries are Established: Requiring judicial warrants for access to non-public areas.

?Staff are Supported: Relieving frontline workers of the burden of interacting with federal agents and protecting them from retaliation for providing "know your rights"

information.

?We cannot provide quality care in an environment of intimidation. I urge you to pass SB 1570 to ensure that every Oregonian, regardless of their status or the nature of their activism, can seek medical care without the shadow of fear hanging over them.

?Respectfully,

?Dylan Green

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