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RE: Testimony in Support of SB 1570-1

To the Senate Health Care Committee:

I am writing in support of SB 1570-01 to 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.

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.

We need statewide direction that puts hospitals to the 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.

I want to emphasize how important it is 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.

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

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