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As a pediatric hematology & oncology fellow physician, I care for children, adolescents, and families from all over the region who come to Portland to receive the world-class care we can provide here. My patients and their families face life-limiting illness, fear of medical complications, and unbelievable financial, social, and emotional hardship in their treatment. My patients have cancer, bleeding disorders, blood clots, immune system problems, infections, and countless other disorders. Their lives depend on their ability to make it to their appointments, take their medications, and follow the instructions of their medical teams. My patients and their families deal with enough stress, fear, and hardship as a result of their medical conditions; they should not be subject to additional stress, fear, and hardship inflicted upon them by our federal government. My patients MUST be able to access healthcare safely and without fear of detainment or deportation, or - and I will put it simply, without hyperbole - they will die. This legislation is a critical step in protecting healthcare spaces from federal immigration enforcement and I encourage you to support SB1570 in order to promote health for all Oregonians, regardless of political party, race, creed, or immigration status.

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