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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing in support of SB 1570 to limit immigration enforcement in healthcare settings. I am a family physician in Milwaukie, OR. Many of my Latinx patients are not coming to their appointments due to fear of encountering ICE which has resulted in delayed or missed care for chronic diseases. Many of my patients have expressed significant increases in anxiety, insomnia and depression due to these fears. Health care settings should be exempt from ICE raids and remain a protected space to seek both emergent and chronic medical care.

sincerely,

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