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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1570

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RE: Testimony in Support of SB 1570-1

To the Senate Health Care Committee:

I am a nurse-midwife who provides care to people from all walks of life. I provide essential, necessary healthcare: I provide vaccines, educate about nutrition, screen for cancer, deliver babies, and accompany people through some of the most joyous and most heartbreakng experiences of their lives. It is work that transcends politics, but in the currently political climate, there is fear and uncertainty about whether my clinic space and my hospital are safe places to be. The unprecedented presence of immigration enforcement officials in and around healthcare settings, and a lack of protections which leave patients seeking care vulnerable to violations of their privacy within those settings, directly contributes to unsafe care: patients are forced to choose between their and their families' safety and receiving necessary healthcare. SB 1570 would provide safeguards so that patients could seek care without fear, knowing that their right to privacy and ability to access medical care will not be compromised when they come to the clinic or hospital. This is about ensuring equal access to healthcare for all Oregonians, and for that reason I ask you to vote yes on SB 1570.

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

Respectfully,
Miriam Jagle, CNM