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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 1570-1. We can 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. It is appalling!

It is critical 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. It should be mandated that caregivers provide this and that the information is wholly accurate.

In Oregon, more and more immigrants are delaying care for themselves and their dependents, putting people at risk of worsened health, greater caretaking burden in the home, and increased fear and isolation. Hospitals and federally qualified health centers should be places that all Oregonians, regardless of immigration status, trust for their care. Moreover, Emergency rooms become flooded when more and more people defer regular care, impacting all Oregonian residents.

We need statewide direction that puts hospitals to the task of reinforcing privacy boundaries and high clinical standards. Private insurers are making enough profits off the backs of individuals and businesses; they can and should allocate resources for this.

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

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