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On Behalf Of:

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To the Senate Health Care Committee:

I am a Pediatric Hematologist/Oncologist in Southern Oregon and serve as the only practicing specialist in my field from Sacramento to Portland. My patients need to be able to receive their lifesaving treatments for cancer and blood disorders in a safe environment, without adding trauma to often already traumatic events experiences as delays in seeking care can actually be the difference between cure and death in my field. I am in support of the Healthcare Without Fear Act as a means of ensuring all people in Southern Oregon have access to healthcare without children worrying if their family will be taken from their appointments. Prohibiting disclosure of protected health information and providing guidelines on appropriate areas of immigration and enforcement activity in patient care areas that are not accessible to the public seems a small ask to help ensure access to safe care remains a priority. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

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