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Chair and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is **Olivia Quiroz**, and I am the Executive Director of the **Oregon Latino Health Coalition**. We work across Oregon to advance policies that ensure everyone can access health care with dignity, safety, and trust.

I'm here today in strong support of **Senate Bill 1570 with the -1 amendment**, because this bill reflects a core value we share: **health care settings should be places of healing, not fear**.

For many immigrant and mixed-status families, fear of immigration enforcement in or around hospitals and clinics is very real. That fear keeps people from seeking care, even when they are sick, injured, or in need of preventive services. When people delay care, outcomes worsen and the entire health system is affected.

The -1 amendment to SB 1570 provides clear, practical guidance to address this problem. It sets reasonable limits on immigration enforcement access to non-public areas of health care facilities, protects patient privacy, and prevents health care staff from being put in the role of immigration enforcement. It also requires facilities to have clear procedures in place, so staff know how to respond appropriately and patients understand their rights.

These protections help maintain trust between patients and providers while respecting the law and the responsibilities of health care facilities. They create consistency across the system and reduce confusion at moments when people are already vulnerable.

From my work with Latino and immigrant communities across the state, I can tell you that clarity like this matters. When people feel safe seeking care, they do—and that improves health outcomes for everyone.

I respectfully urge you to **support SB 1570 with the -1 amendment**. Thank you for your time and for your commitment to health equity in Oregon.

Thank you,

Executive Director