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On Behalf Of:
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Testimony in Support of SB 1570-1

To the Senate Health Care Committee:

I am a Nurse Practitioner working in an Emergency Department in Hillsboro, Oregon. Our population consists of many immigrants as well as native-born patients. By and large, these are hard-working people who came here to provide a better life for their families. Like all humans, they deserve care and respect.

Like most Americans, I support a HUMANE border policy that ensures people are treated with respect and dignity. Entering the United States without proper process is a CIVIL violation – not a criminal one. It should be treated as such.

The siege of ICE agents on our communities is preventing people from seeking medical care. The pattern of violence, intimidation, and harassment is forcing many Oregonians to delay or skip necessary healthcare; turning treatable conditions into life-threatening emergencies that harm the patient, the system and community far more than necessary. Please halt this overreach as soon as possible.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing the outcome of this matter,
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Nurse Practitioner