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On Behalf Of:

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As a family physician practicing in the Gateway neighborhood of Portland, Oregon, I strongly support SB 1570.

I have a large immigrant/non English speaking population in my practice. I am already seeing my patients suffering from the stress caused by ICE's actions as well as noticing that less patients feel comfortable coming to my clinic for regular care. The right of privacy in healthcare has been a strong foundation for years. This is being violated by ICE pursuing patients in a healthcare setting. Also all Oregonians deserve to feel safe when seeking medical care.

When my patients are uncomfortable to get regular medical care, their chronic conditions (like diabetes, hypertension, etc) become neglected and uncontrolled which then leads to much more serious conditions.

I urge you to vote YES on SB1570

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.