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On Behalf Of:

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To: Chair and Members of the Senate Committee

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Subject: SUPPORT for SB 1570

Madam Chair and members of the Committee, I am submitting this testimony in strong support of SB 1570, the Healthcare Without Fear Act. As a psychologist and behavioral health provider with nearly 5 years of experience, I believe everyone deserves access to healthcare without fear of federal agents in patient care spaces. I have heard from patients the direct and indirect impact of unregulated immigration enforcement on engaging in and seeking care. Witnessing the influence of chronic stress on health and wellness of patients, the presence of heightened vigilance that interferes with daily life engagement, and the impossible decisions to engage in or avoid medical care due to the fear of safety. I have heard stories from colleagues, about being forced to question their ethical responsibilities to patient care, and the anticipatory dread of frontline medical professionals and staff surrounding the potential threats of disruption to patient care.

SB 1570 is necessary to establish clear, statewide standards for our hospitals, primary care and mental health care settings, ensuring that immigration status remains confidential and that patient care remains the top priority.

I urge a favorable report on SB 1570.

Sincerely,

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