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I oppose SB 1570- and here is why.

I've spent 20 years working as an RN in the ER. I've seen the wildest things happen. What I have yet to see happen is an ICE agent bring someone into the ER for care- and I have definitely not seen any ICE agents enter our spaces to arrest someone who is checked in to seek care for illness.

If our state worked with federal law- instead of circumventing it- we would have more targeted and efficient arrests for violent criminals which we need OUT of our state. There are gang crimes in this world these politicians and some Oregonians haven't seen - but they operate in the shadows, and they are definitely here in our "sanctuary" state. The most vulnerable to these crimes IS THE MIGRANTS. These gang members live in their communities and wreak havoc that goes unreported- and these criminals target migrants knowing that they won't go to law enforcement about it.

I believe a major driver of the public support and ONA is the misinformation these groups have been fed from a top down narrative that tugs on the heart strings of the caregivers. I believe hospitals should be a safe space for sick people to get the care they need.

Protected health information is already protected health information across the board! I don't know a SINGLE health care provider that would give any information out about any patient! We don't even know what nation they are from or if they have citizenship status to begin with because it has ZERO outcome on how we treat them as people!

This section of this bill is a smokescreen to pass this legislation off as "information protection". That protection ALREADY exists.

Do you really want to pass a bill that puts hospitals on the map for organized criminal gang members to run to if they are around the corner and law enforcement begins to pursue them? Bars Federal Law enforcement at the door? Yes they could run straight into the back and go into a room and hide out and if this blanket bill is passed, it has these implications, we do not need nurses to also be police on this- we already practically have to when someone is "too violent for jail". Our hospitals are crazy enough already- and they're sure to get worse!

The way that our state policies protect even the most violent of psychotic people if they "have a mental illness" "in crisis"-we have already have an excess overflow of that to deal with that sucks our nursing resources - while we also work tirelessly to give great care to sick people from all demographics. Here is what I'm saying- this law would put hospitals on the map for organized criminals. They could be in hot pursuit during a lawful arrest for a violent crime that they did commit (Yes- VIOLENT CRIME HAPPENS EVEN IF YOU DON'T WANT TO ADMIT IT, OREGON!!!)- and they could run into the hospital and then what? We are telling federal law

enforcement not to do their jobs, and ban them at the entry?

Sorry, but this is a bad slope to head down- we do not need to add more barriers to safety and make hospitals untouchable ground when MINUTES SAVE LIVES.

I grew up on the South Texas Border and YES- criminal illegal gangs that DO NOT CARE and will manipulate the system however they can.

Do you want even one criminal to be able to run into a hospital, enter into the back, grab a nurse and use them as a hostage? Avoidable but arrest was delayed by stopping federal agents at the door. The language of the law should not even for one minute keep this door open for possibility.

Nuevo Laredo Massacres of 2012, just steps away from US soil. Google it. These gangs are here. Gov Tina and her "allies" refuse to admit it, it doesn't exist in their fancy neighborhoods- out of sight, out of mind. They'd rather have Oregonians in constant fear from misinformation that to admit that their "sanctuary" city policies make Oregon a prime location for criminals of "cultural inequity" to get free housing on our dime.

[Www.justice.gov](http://www.justice.gov) We've had MANY gang members arrested out of Oregon.