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On Behalf Of:  
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RE: Testimony in Support of SB 1570

To the House Rules Committee:

I have been a pediatric RN in California and Oregon for six years. In 2021, I had the opportunity to work with children coming over the boarder from Central America. I will never forget the heart breaking stories from these children and the strength and courage it took for them to get to the United States. While I never had any direct interactions with ICE agents, we were still very much influenced by them. Our program was designed for 5-17 year old children, so if there was a child who turned 18 before getting reunited with their family in the states, ICE could come and take them back over the border. What a waste of money and resources. Why does an arbitrary factor, like turning 18, allow ICE to further destroy the lives of children who have already persevered and been through so much? Now ICE agents are killing American citizens on the streets, arresting families in the ER, and again we just allow this cruelty to happen? Everyone should have a right to SAFE access to health care, without fear of the repercussions of seeking care. ICE agents SHOULD NOT be allowed into hospitals, as this is a direct violation of the HIPAA law. I urge you to support SB 1570, so that everyone has access to healthcare without fear of deportation.

Thank you for your time,

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment and I look forward to your support.

Anna Swanson