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On Behalf Of: OCIN
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure: SB1578

Subject: Opposition to SB1578

Dear Senate Health Care Committee, as an Oregon-qualified Spanish medical interpreter, I am writing to express my opposition to SB1578.

I choose to work as an independent interpreter. I like my flexibility, and I love working with the companies that I do.

I am concerned that the folks leading the union do not truly represent all the interpreters in Oregon. They seem to be more worried about creating their own state-funded agencies rather than helping us get better wages.

HB2359 was great for all interpreters and we have not seen how much better it will keep on getting. It is premature to make more changes without knowing where this is headed.

Right now, I have a lot of leverage with companies. As a professional, I can charge my own rate, and if this becomes a single-payer system, I won't be able to bill as much as I want.

I oppose this bill.

Thanks,
Fabio Arce