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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure: SB1578

I am Karina from Portland writing to support SB 1578. This bill will bring significant improvements to our healthcare system by creating better system for scheduling Interpreters, by enabling Medicaid Match for Healthcare Interpreters, and by implementing an Interpreter recruitment and retention program. Through my work with families in Multnomah County, I have seen the lack of equitable services for people who need interpretation. We must meet in-person and virtual needs, ensure inclusivity for high and low-demand languages, and support the right for all to access care.

I urge the committee to vote yes on SB 1578.