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Opposition to SB1578

Dear Senate Health Care Committee,

As an Oregon-qualified Spanish medical interpreter, I would like to express my reasons for opposing SB1578. As a healthcare interpreter in Oregon I want to continue working as an independent contractor. With this employment status, I am able to work directly with various language agencies and clinics. Supporters of this bill such as Unite Oregon, state that all interpreters want better working conditions and health insurance.

However, instead of creating better work conditions for us, it seems we will actually have fewer options as independent contractors. What would benefit me the most is to continue to contract with several agencies and clinics.

I am uncertain as to how this proposal is going to benefit myself and my colleagues. If anything, it seems it will just make things more complicating. What working conditions are you proposing that will make my job better? Will I now get health insurance? Will I know get benefits?