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KEEP ICE OUT OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND OUT OF OREGON!

I am a medical assistant care coordinator at the Hemostasis & Thrombosis Center at OHSU, the ONLY nationally recognized hemophilia treatment center (HTC) in Oregon. Being the only HTC in the state, we are a lifetime clinic who sees patients from all walks of life. People of all races, religions, ages, genders, and citizenship status come to see us for treatment their bleeding and clotting disorders. While we can and do offer virtual visits for patients, it is much more helpful for diagnosis, treatment and management of our patients to be seen in person at the Doernbecher Children's Hospital. Many patients have missed or cancelled their appointments in fear of coming into Portland and to the OHSU campus where ICE has been incredibly active. We have even advised our patients to stop going to the satellite lab locations at the Center for Health and Healing 2 building on the south waterfront as well as Adventist Health in SE Portland where there is known ICE activity.

My role as a Care Coordinator is to ensure that patients are able to attend their visits and follow up on provider recommendations (including labs, imaging, referrals, etc.). I cannot do my job properly if my patients are afraid to come see us or follow orders. Immigrants are my patients whom I care for every day. They are our neighbors, our teachers, our cleaners, our farmers, our handymen who should not be living in constant fear of deportation. ESPECIALLY when trying to access health care. I urge you to keep ICE OUT of Oregon hospitals and health care facilities.

Thank you.