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Testimony in Support of SB 1570-1

To the Senate Health Care Committee:

Thank you for taking the time to consider this very important matter.

I am a Registered Nurse who supports The Health Care Without Fear Act - SB 1570.

It is a cornerstone of healthcare to advocate for our patients and their safety. Within the last few months, I have seen first hand the fear and anxiety ICE brings when they are within private patient care settings. This bill is crucial in being able to protect patients and all members of the health care team.

SB 1570 provides clear guidance for healthcare facilities by requiring them to designate private areas, adopt written policies on responding to federal agents, and identify administrative staff to manage interactions, rather than placing frontline healthcare workers in the impossible position of having to decide how to respond in high-pressure moments. Unfortunately, I have been placed in these positions as a RN directly taking care of a patient in ICE custody.

The clarity in SB 1570 helps hospitals and clinics protect patient dignity and focus on delivering care without the distraction or fear of federal enforcement disrupting treatment spaces. Instituting these statewide standards promotes consistency across Oregon's health system so that all patients, regardless of background, feel confident seeking the care they need.

As a concerned nurse, citizen, and human being, I am asking that you support Senate Bill 1570.

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