



TO: Senate Committee on Health Care
FROM: PCUN
SUBJECT: Support SB 1570- Healthcare Without Fear Act

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My name is Cynthia Ramirez, and I am a Policy Associate with PCUN, Oregon's Farmworker Union. At PCUN, we work to empower farmworkers and Latinx working families to improve their working and living conditions through community building, organizing, and policy advocacy. I am writing on behalf of PCUN in support of SB 1570, the Healthcare Without Fear Act.

With the heightened unrest involving ICE and their increased presence, we are seeing our community members living in fear in their day to day lives. We have heard our members tell us "I'm not going to doctor's appointments" and another saying "I cannot leave my house out of fear. I don't feel safe when I have to go to a doctor's appointment or go shopping,". SB 1570 is a timely reminder that all members of our community need to feel safe as they access vital healthcare resources.

In Oregon, more and more immigrants are delaying care for themselves and their dependents, putting people at risk of worsened health, greater caretaking burden in the home, and increased fear and isolation. Hospitals and federally qualified health centers should be places that all Oregonians, regardless of immigration status, trust for their care.¹

Furthermore, unannounced ICE presence around our hospitals creates an environment in which people are too scared to visit their loved ones that are hospitalized. This anxiety is separating families at their most vulnerable.

California's legislature approved many of these same measures last year, via SB 81, upon the advocacy of the California Immigrant Policy Center, the Latino Coalition for a Healthy California, unions, and swaths of residents, immigrants and non-immigrants alike. Oregon must follow in the footsteps of California and protect its Oregon residents.

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<https://www.oregonlive.com/health/2026/02/too-afraid-to-see-a-doctor-immigration-enforcement-upends-care-in-oregon.html>

Our hospitals should be a place of healing and well-being. On behalf of PCUN, we strongly urge this committee to pass SB 1570.

Sincerely,

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