

Submitter: Kathleen Medwar
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1570
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Re: SB 1570

Dear Senate Committee on Healthcare:

When people are afraid to access healthcare, it doesn't just harm individuals—it weakens public health and our communities as a whole. SB 1570 helps ensure that healthcare settings remain places of trust, dignity, and care for all.

I appreciate Oregon's leadership in recognizing that access to healthcare should not depend on immigration status or fear of enforcement. This bill is a meaningful step toward protecting patients, supporting healthcare providers, and upholding basic human rights.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important legislation.

Sincerely,
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