

February 6, 2026

Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and Members of the Senate Committee on Health Care,

My name is Samuel Moody, PA-C. I am writing to urge you to pass SB 1570-1, the Healthcare Without Fear Act.

Oregonians are terrified—terrified to go to work, terrified to get medical help, terrified to find food to feed their families. Families should never feel that seeking food or medical help is more dangerous than forgoing it. [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.

However, immigration agents now wander hospital halls, instilling fear and danger amongst patients and staff, even remaining with patients in private exam rooms despite nurses and physicians asserting that patient-privacy standards mandate they leave. This compromises both [the care that is advised by the provider](#) and [the privacy that all patients deserve under the law](#).

That is why I call on Oregon leaders to protect Oregonians who are under attack and pass HB 1570-1, the Healthcare Without Fear Act. This bill would require hospitals to designate patient care areas where immigration enforcement is not allowed (except with valid judicial warrant); protect caregivers from being retaliated against for sharing know-your-rights information, allowing patients to be informed about the services available to them; and increase the protection of patient information. **This bill is an important step in the right direction towards repairing patients' relationships with medical providers. Hospitals and federally qualified health centers should be places where all Oregonians trust to receive care.**

The Healthcare Without Fear Act is part of the 2026 Immigrant Justice Package and is backed by a broad coalition of immigrant justice advocates, civil liberties groups, unions, and community based organizations. We urge you to rise to this moment and support these community-led policies to protect the freedoms of all Oregonians.

Thank you,
Samuel Moody, PA-C