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Testimony in Support of SB 1570 and the Immigrant Justice/ Federal Response Package

To: Senate Committee On Health Care

From: Annie Naranjo-Rivera, Oregon Working Families Party

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Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden and Members of the Committee,

My name is Annie Naranjo-Rivera, and I serve as the State Director of the Oregon Working Families Party. We are a grassroots, multiracial political organization made up of community-based organizations and unions committed to building a society that works for all of us—not just the wealthy and well-connected. We advocate for economic justice, racial equity, and a democracy that centers working people and their communities.

I write today on behalf of the thousands of working people we represent across Oregon in strong support of the 2026 Immigrant Justice Package (IJP), including:

- HB 4114 – Protect Your Door Act
- HB 4138 – Law Enforcement Accountability and Visibility Act (LEAVA)
- HB 4117 – Universal Representation & Children’s Stability Fund
- HB 4079 – Safeguarding Students and Families
- HB 4111 – Immigrant Anti-Discrimination Protections
- HB 4150 – Public Contracts Prohibition
- SB 1587 – Stop Data Brokers from Sharing Our Information
- SB 1570 – Healthcare Without Fear
- SB 1581 – School Meals for All
- Emergency Food Benefits

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- Oregon Hunger Response Fund
- Protecting SNAP funding
- Maintaining the Healthier Oregon Program

Across Oregon, the recent increase in horrifying ICE activity and so-called “immigration enforcement” has created widespread fear and instability in our communities. Immigrant Oregonians, our families, and whole communities across the state have been terrorized and targeted by violent and lawless ICE sweeps, resulting in community-wide fear and devastating family separations. This unacceptable federal overreach impacts immigrants and non-immigrants alike. The reckless federal attacks demand a strong, unified response. Oregonians know we must push back.

SB 1570—the Healthcare without Fear Act would respond to the problem of unaccountable federal-officer behavior in Oregon hospitals — in this climate when heightened immigration enforcement challenges safe patient care, access to care, and consistency that healthcare workers need to do their jobs.

SB 1570 would put protections in place to prevent the confusion and terror we are facing as masked “law enforcement agents,” often with no identification, make it difficult for the public to know who is in our neighborhoods, our schools and our hospitals, what they are doing, and whether their actions are lawful.

The Oregon Working Families Party has heard loud and clear from folks in every corner of the state that the public is concerned about whether masked operatives are actual government agents or impersonators, as these roving gangs of masked individuals (some of them ICE officers) are traveling throughout our communities, kidnapping, assaulting and detaining community members, seemingly without rhyme or reason, without warrants, and in sensitive environments like hospitals. This kind of conduct creates a climate of widespread fear, erodes the public trust in our government at all levels, endangers workers in healthcare settings, and prevents community members from seeking or receiving the care they need.

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SB 1570 puts the responsibility on hospitals to delineate patient care areas where immigration enforcement is not allowed (except with signed judicial warrant), and to designate supervisory staff to be the ones to interface with ICE and assess the validity of warrants. It would also establish new protections for caregivers against retaliation for the sharing of know-your-rights information, increase the protection of patient information, so it is not falling in the hands of ICE. This would be enforced by the Oregon Health Authority's governance of hospital licensure and hospitals in violation can have their licenses suspended or revoked.

The Oregon Working Families Party strongly supports **SB 1570** and urges the Legislature to advance the full Immigrant Justice Package (IJP).

Thank you for your time, leadership, and commitment to the safety and dignity of all Oregon families.

In solidarity,

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