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Written Testimony in Support of SB 1570 – The Healthcare Without Fear Act

For the record, my name is Cynthia Lund. I am a bedside medical-surgical nurse and have worked as a registered nurse for approximately four years. I currently work at Kaiser Permanente in Clackamas County, Oregon, and I am a member of the Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals (OFNHP AFT-5017). I am writing in strong support of SB 1570, the Healthcare Without Fear Act.

As a bedside nurse, my primary responsibility is to provide safe, ethical, and patient-centered care to every individual who enters the hospital. SB 1570 provides critical clarity and protections that allow healthcare workers to uphold patient privacy, follow due process, and respect constitutional rights when federal agents seek access to hospital facilities or patient information. Hospitals must remain spaces focused on care and healing, not fear or confusion about legal authority.

In the absence of clear guidance, frontline healthcare workers can be placed in untenable positions—forced to choose between complying with unclear demands and violating patient trust, privacy laws, or ethical obligations. SB 1570 establishes clear processes that ensure any federal presence in healthcare settings follows appropriate judicial requirements, while protecting workers from retaliation for asserting lawful boundaries.

Fear has no place in healthcare. When patients are afraid to seek care, delay treatment, or withhold critical information due to concerns about enforcement actions, patient safety is compromised. SB 1570 helps ensure that all patients can access healthcare without fear, and that healthcare professionals can perform their duties confidently, lawfully, and ethically.

By supporting SB 1570, the Legislature affirms that patient care, constitutional protections, and professional ethics must remain paramount in healthcare settings. For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to support SB 1570.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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