

February 20, 2019

RE: House Bill 2845

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Dear Chair Greenlick and Members of the House Health Committee,

I am a mother of two in Monmouth and had my first baby at in a birthing center with midwives, and my second in the hospital. I am writing to ask you to vote yes on HB 2845 to improve access to midwifery care.

HB 2845 would increase access to midwifery care for Oregon families whether they choose to give birth in hospital, birth center, or home with Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives, Certified Nurse Midwives, or Naturopathic Physicians.

Better access to midwifery care in Oregon would allow me and my family to have our 3rd child in a warm, welcoming environment on our own terms.

In closing, please vote yes on HB 2845 so that all Oregon families have access to midwifery care. Thank you for the work you do to support the health of mothers and babies.

Sincerely,

Ambre Plahn

Monmouth, Oregon