

Dear Chair Salinas and Members of the House Health Committee,

I am a mother of two in Portland and had both of my boys in a birthing center with midwives. I am writing to ask you to vote yes on HB 2845 to improve access to midwifery care.

I could not be more grateful for the option to have midwives oversee my care during pregnancy and at the births of my boys. The midwives provided me and my family with outstanding, safe and loving care.

HB 2845 would increase access to midwifery care to other families in Oregon and I believe that all those that want to chose to give birth with a midwife should be able to do just that. Having insurance coverage for my births took so much stress off of our plate and we were lucky. I wish all families in my community had that peace of mind and that insurance would cover their births with midwives.

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

In gratitude-

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