

Hello, my name is Kelly Gamache and I am in support of HB2845-

I was under OHP when I was pregnant with my first child and I had to pay out of pocket for my midwife because of the restrictions placed on the care parameters. There are certain people who prefer to have birth at home, with minimal interventions and I am one of them. I had an issue at 31.5 weeks which seemed to need immediate attention and I went to the hospital where I was vaginally checked and determined to be in early labor. They hooked me to machines and told me I was in labor and that I needed an immediate c-section. Thank goodness my midwife showed up. She expressed that they were moving too quickly and assuming too many things and she encouraged us to wait to see if labor progressed. It didn't. I was actually having strong braxton hicks contractions and the blood that was noticed was not coming from my uterus but from my skin due to a blood vessel burst. My baby was going to be in the NICU because of a burst skin vessel. I discharged after 2 days of unnecessary treatment and went home to have my baby naturally practically 10 weeks later at 40weeks, 6 days. Thank goodness for my midwife! I would never recommend anyone give birth without a midwife and I encourage you to make it easier for another midwife to avert the tragedy of a c-section and premie baby needing intensive care in any other mother who wants an advocate with her at the hospital. All Midwives should be covered by insurance as they can greatly reduce the money spent on this amazing natural process called birth.

Thank You,
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