

Dear Chair Prusak and Members of the House Health Committee,

My name is Alisha Madrone and I am a certified nurse midwife and small business owner in Portland. I have been in practice for 16 years, including 10 years of private practice. I am writing to you at this urgent hour to encourage you to please vote YES on HB 2388, so that the mothers I work with can have insurance coverage for the quality, safe, and cost-effective care my midwife partners and I provide.

Research continues to prove that midwives provide excellent and safe care, decrease the rate of cesarean sections and lower the cost of care for individuals, insurers, and healthcare systems. HB 2388 would increase access to midwifery care for Oregon families whether they choose to give birth in a hospital, birth center, or at home. Improved access to midwifery care would mean more safe options for more families. Quality prenatal care and a safe and satisfying birth experience is the best way to start off a healthy life. In conclusion, I want to strongly encourage that you please vote yes on HB 2388 so that all Oregon families have access to midwifery care.

Gratitude for the work you do to support the health of mothers and babies,

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