

Dear Chair Prusak and Members of the House Health Committee,

Hello! I am a mother of three children with one more on the way. My last baby was born at home with the help of amazing midwives. I am writing this letter with high hopes of you voting yes on HB2388 so that midwifery care can be more accessible. Midwifery care is exceptional, safe, and empowering. I had some trouble finding a team of midwives that accepted my insurance (OHP), but luckily I was able to find a place about an hour away from where I was living. It is so important that more midwives are able to accept insurance so people do not have to travel long distances to appointments and for midwives to be closer to their patients. For instance, my baby decided she wanted to enter the world fast! My midwives were able to rush over to my house with 20 minutes to spare before my baby entered the world. I would not change my experience for the world! The amount of connection and support I received throughout my pregnancy journey and beyond is immeasurable.

Again, I am asking you to please vote yes on HB2388 so that all Oregon families can have access to midwifery care. Thank you for supporting the health of mothers and babies!

All my best,
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