

Dear Chair Prusak and Members of the House Health Committee,

I recently had my first baby at home under the amazing care of Mandala Midwifery and Allegra Lily in Central Oregon. It was truly the best experience I could have asked for for my first pregnancy and birth and that is why I am writing to ask that you vote YES on HB 2388 to improve access to midwifery care.

Throughout my pregnancy I felt so safe and well taken care of and at each appointment I felt more confident in my body, my baby, and my birth. During this COVID era that we are in, each step along the way of pregnancy felt more difficult-working with a midwife allowed me to feel safer and calmer throughout the process with home visits and reassurances throughout my care.

I know so many mothers that desire the same type of care that I received but are not able to because of costs and access to care.

By voting yes on HB 2388, they would have greater access to midwifery care whether they give birth at home, a birth center or in the hospital and still receive the great care and attentiveness that I did throughout my pregnancy. Again, during these times of uncertainty, having a constant during pregnancy and birth is so important and every mother deserves that access and opportunity.

Please vote yes on HB 2388 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 throughout the state.

Thank you for your time,  
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