


Dear Chair Prusak and Members of the House Health Committee,

I am a Licensed Midwife and small business owner in Portland and have been in practice for 12 years. I am deeply passionate about serving and guiding families with love and expertise through the childbearing year, and I am writing to express to you that HB 2388 could have a profoundly positive impact on birthing families! Please vote **yes** on HB 2388 so that more families can freely choose midwifery care as an affordable option, covered by their health insurance.

The midwifery care that my practice provides is skilled, safe, relationship-based, compassionate and very affordable, and yet I find that many perspective clients have financial barriers to accessing our care because approximately half of Oregon insurers (both private and OHP) provide limited or no coverage for birth center or home birth midwifery care. Not only does this limit birthing people's choices regarding the kind of care they seek, this actually costs insurers and health systems more because midwifery care provides large cost savings! HB 2388 would increase access to midwifery care for Oregon families whether they choose to give birth in the hospital, in a birth center or at home with Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives, Certified Nurse Midwives or Naturopathic Physicians. I would love to be able to serve more families who believe they cannot afford midwifery care! I would love to see my clients have to pay less out of pocket for my care because the insurers are required to provide fair and more comprehensive coverage. I would also love to be treated equally by insurers as a professional midwife with nearly 20 years of training and birth experience.

Thank you kindly for hearing and considering this important topic for Oregon families. Along with all of my clients and my fellow midwives, I urge you to 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!

With hope and gratitude,



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