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I am writing to express my strong support for HB 3592. At a time when maternal and infant mortality is at an all time high in the US, it is imperative that consistent maternal care, especially for women who are already disproportionately impacted by economic insecurities, discrimination and lack of health care is provided by all hospitals. Safe, accessible maternal care from conception through post-partum is a human right.

No women should be expected to travel unsafe distances to deliver her baby. Emergency department staff should not become the default delivery because the hospital closest to her does not provide maternal care. Studies have shown that mothers under stress may negatively impact the health of the baby in the womb. Hospitals must provide safe and accessible maternal services or not be allowed to operate.