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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Early Childhood and Behavioral Health  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB692

Dear Chair Reynolds and members of the committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for Oregon Senate Bill 692, which aims to expand access to crucial perinatal care for families throughout our state. As a mother, a lactation consultant, and occupational therapist serving families in Oregon, I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact that comprehensive perinatal support can have on the health and wellbeing of both parents and their children.

Throughout my career, I have been dedicated to helping families navigate the early stages of parenthood. I also personally benefited from doula and lactation services, which played a significant role in ensuring the health of my own babies and supporting my journey as a mother. These experiences have reinforced my belief that access to a broad range of perinatal care—including lactation consultation, doula support, and mental health services—is essential for new families.

Oregon SB 692 represents a critical step in addressing the disparities in access to perinatal care, ensuring that all families can receive the support they need during this vital time. Expanding access will not only improve the physical health of mothers and their infants but also foster emotional wellbeing and enhance the overall family experience. With the right support, families can thrive, leading to better long-term health outcomes for both parents and children.

I urge you to support SB 692 and help ensure that every family in Oregon has the resources they need to embark on their parenting journey with confidence and support. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,  
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