

Hello,

My name is Lydia Jackson and as the founder of Leilani's Rae of Light Doula & Wellness Services LLC my greatest passion is ensuring that every family I assist feels fully seen, deeply heard, loved and empowered throughout their unique journey. It is imperative that Legislation supports our Doula's and or families by passing bill SB 690, SB 691 and SB 692. I've been on both ends of the spectrum, the struggling mother with little to no resources stressed throughout my pregnancy, not really being able to focus on being happy and celebrating my pregnancy due to life challenges, because I'm worried about housing, food and or how I'm going to sustain after giving birth. I'm now the thriving Doula witnessing mother and families working poor class, and low income suffer from the same worries and obstacles including needing extra support from the Doula practitioner because of little to no family support and resources. As a community member and worker, I believe passing these bills will allow mothers and families to be able to focus on the wellbeing of their families and thrive because of access to these resources. I'm afraid if we do not meet our mother and families, we our opening our community up to continued addiction struggles, homelessness and maternal struggles that can lead to demises.

I lastly ask that you consider passing the bill because if our families thrive our communities thrive.

Sincerely, Lydia Jackson