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To the committee
Oregon State Legislature

Subject: Strong Support for SB 692 – The Momnibus Bill

Dear Honorable Members of the Committee,

My name is Sara Luna, and I am a professional doula serving families across Oregon. I am writing to express my strong support for SB 692, the Momnibus Bill, which will provide critical maternal health protections, improve birth outcomes, and address systemic disparities that continue to put Black, Indigenous, rural, and low-income families at risk.

For the past one and a half years, I have worked directly with birthing people during pregnancy, labor, and postpartum. I have witnessed firsthand the failures of our maternal health system—families forced to navigate care alone, racial bias leading to ignored concerns, and providers stretched so thin that vital needs are missed. Too often, my advocacy has been the difference between someone being heard or dismissed, between intervention or a preventable crisis.

SB 692 is a necessary step toward equity and safety in maternal health. By expanding Medicaid coverage for doulas, ensuring culturally competent care, and addressing racial disparities, this bill acknowledges that birthing people deserve to be supported, not just to survive childbirth, but to thrive in the postpartum period.

Oregon has an opportunity to lead by ensuring that cost, race, or geography no longer dictate maternal health outcomes. The evidence is clear—when birthing people have access to doula care and culturally responsive providers, mortality rates decrease, complications drop, and families experience better overall well-being.

This bill is not just policy—it is a lifeline for the families we serve. I urge you to pass SB 692 without hesitation. The time for action is now.

Sincerely,

Rev. Sara Luna THW