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On Behalf Of:	
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Testimony in Support of SB1167	

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for SB1167, which would provide essential funding and resources to support families during the first 1,000 days of life.

As an Oregon doula, I've had the privilege of witnessing the profound impact of a loving, supportive environment during pregnancy and the early years of a child's life. The first 1,000 days are a critical window of opportunity when brain development is at its peak and when foundational experiences shape a child's lifelong health, learning, and well-being. Sadly, many families face challenges accessing the care and support they need during this critical time. SB1167 offers a much-needed opportunity to address these challenges, ensuring that all families—especially those in underserved communities—can access the resources they need to thrive.

This bill will make a meaningful difference in the lives of Oregon's children and families, giving them the best possible start in life. I urge you to support this important legislation and invest in the health and future of our families.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warmly, Angelina Deamaral