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Subject: HB 2997 allowing unlicensed 'traditional midwives' to continue practicing

Dear Members of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education,

Attached you will find an exhibit for your hearing tomorrow regarding the cost of HB 2997. Although the exhibit does not explain fully why the board is in the hole financially you will see that indeed it is in the hole and that HB 2997 would not allow an independent board to sustain itself and would drain more from OHLA.

Please, if you want a financial fix to the midwife problem find the root cause of their problem, lower standards of education and higher risk practices, and mandate that OHLA comply with the intent of the original 1993 title act law and rein the midwives in to lower risk practices only. Giving the midwives money to become more independent and continue in the manner they have for 20 years would not serve the public safety.

Yours truly,

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