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To: Rep Weidner
Subject: Support for HB3456

Dear Representative,

My name is Isabella Pribyl and I am writing a letter in support of HB3456, a bill which will add Licensed Direct Entry Midwives to the list of Women's Health Care providers so that insurance companies are required to pay them for the medical services they provide.

Over the past year and a half, I have witnessed the quality of care given by one of Oregon's largest free standing birth centers run by Licensed Direct Entry Midwives. The women who work and run this birth center provide outstanding care to Oregon's pregnant mothers and their families. These women deserved to be payed in full for the work they do. These women work incredibly long hours, are on call the majority of the year (often every day for 11.5 months of the year), extend clinic hours to accommodate client schedules, and make huge sacrifices in their personal lives to care for these families. Their work is an invaluable community resource that unfortunately is not be adequately compensated because insurers are not required to pay them. The birth center has a consistent client base and there is a clear demand in our community for this business. However, without the passing of this bill it is incredibly difficult for these providers to receive the compensation they deserve and need to continue to offer this resource to the citizens of Oregon.

The passing of this bill is essential for the continuation of quality perinatal care in Oregon. As a woman who has had extensive education in this field I fully support HB3456. As someone who has worked in healthcare and is continuing to pursue a career in healthcare I fully support HB3456. As a community member in my fertile years I wholeheartedly support HB3456. As a voting citizen and dedicated member of Oregon's community I strongly urge you to support HB3456 as well.

Thank you for your time,

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