

Dear Chair Greenlick and Members of the House Health Committee,

I am a mother of two in Sweet Home, my 1st child was born in a hospital and I had my 2nd with a midwife in a birth center. I am writing to ask you to vote yes on HB 2845 to improve access to midwifery care.

My birth experience with the midwife was the greatest experience of my life. There were zero interventions and my baby needed no aftercare, as opposed to my 1st birth in the hospital. Please consider:

- Midwives provide excellent and safe care
- Midwifery care provides large cost savings to insurers and health systems but many families still can't access midwifery care because about half of Oregon insurers (both private and OHP) provide limited or no coverage for birth center or home birth midwifery care
- HB 2845 would increase access to midwifery care for Oregon families whether they choose to give birth in hospital, birth center, or home with Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives, Certified Nurse Midwives, or Naturopathic Physicians.

Please vote yes on HB 2845 so that all Oregon families have access to midwifery care. Thank you for the work you do to support the health of mothers and babies.

-Amy Berg