

Dear Chair Greenlick and Members of the House Health Committee,

I am a mother of two young children writing in support of House Bill 2845.

I have benefited greatly from the midwifery care I received before, during and after the births of my daughters, who were both born at the Growing Families Birth Center in Lebanon, OR under the care of Debra Cowart, DEM.

I made it a goal to have uncomplicated, intervention-free water births and I fully believe it was because of the patience, attention, wisdom and respect that Debbie and her associates provided me that I was able to accomplish that goal.

The type of care that I received is not the norm in hospital settings and I believe quality midwifery care should be more accessible to more people. It pains me to know that so many women do not have access to it due to their insurance companies not covering it.

Thank you for your consideration,

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