

Dear Chair Salinas and Members
of the House Health Committee,

I am a mother of four in Hillsboro and have had two of my babies at home with midwives. I am writing to ask you to vote yes on HB 2845 to improve access to midwifery care.

My last baby was born in a hurry and had it not been for home birth I may have had her on the way to the hospital. It was better for us to stay home and wait for her with midwives rather than in a vehicle rushing to a hospital.

Midwives are a great option for mothers that are considering home birth, but they are also a great addition to hospital births as well. I honestly believe that if all women went into birth knowing there was a midwife to help, they would have easier and less complicated births.

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 parents and babies. Thank you for taking time to read this email.

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