

Dear Chair Salinas and Members of the House Health Committee,

I am a mother to two young boys in Albany, OR. When we found out we were pregnant 12 days after adopting our oldest infant son, we knew we needed a medical provider who could give us the care we needed, as a family. We chose the Corvallis Birth Center for this very reason.

The level of care we received from our team of midwives was phenomenal. We were treated with care and respect. My birth went perfectly without intervention. I can't even fathom the medical costs saved because we were not in a hospital setting. Never once did I question my safety or worry about the health and safety of our son. They cared for his needs and mine with more attention than I've ever received in a medical setting.

Please consider expanding access to midwifery care in Oregon. Insurance barriers prevent too many families from having an opportunity to birth under the care of midwives.