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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB2535

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Wallan, Members of the House Committee on Judiciary.

My name is Emma Swanson, I live in Eugene Oregon. I am writing to encourage you support HB 2535, which would require the Department of Corrections to establish a doula program for pregnant and postpartum adults in custody at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility.

As a social services provider and social work student, I am passionate about improving maternal and child outcomes for all Oregonians. This bill does that by focusing on a particularly vulnerable group, incarcerated pregnant and post-partum adults. I have seen the value that doulas add to a pregnant person's experience before, during, and after the delivery of child in my community and would strongly support those services being available pregnant people at Coffee Creek.

Again please, vote in support HB 2535 to establish a doula program for pregnant and postpartum people in custody at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility.