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I am an emergency medicine physician in a community just outside of Portland. We are currently grappling with the unanticipated and untimely closure of our family birth unit and the repercussions of that administrative decision on our community. I would like to advocate for women's health and reproductive care in all communities. I do not feel that it is appropriate for women to be expected to travel away from their community hospital for quality health care, especially for a service that is so much a part of the human experience and a critical part of many women's lives. Not all women have access to reliable transportation to travel outside their areas for prenatal care and for delivery and it is important that we all, as a community, prioritize those women who have the least access and the least resources. Please support HB 3592 to support maternity services at Oregon hospitals.