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Dear Chair Greenlick and members of the House Health Committee,  
I am a mother of two sweet boys in Grants Pass and I had my second son at the rogue birth center with the wonderful midwives that work there. I am writing to ask you to vote Yes on HB 2845 to improve access to midwifery care.

Our time at the birth center was excellent. The midwives are so attentive to each person they care for, and really make the whole pregnancy & birthing process enjoyable. When my husband and I first went to the birth center, we immediately knew we wanted to be under the care of the midwives there, our only hesitation was the cost. Our private insurance covered nothing, so we had to pay for it all ourselves. I'm so glad we were able to afford it though because it was such a great choice for our family.

I hope that one day cost would not be a barrier for anyone who would like access to midwifery care.

Please vote Yes on HB 2845 so that all Oregon families have access to excellent midwifery care.

Thank you for the work you do to support the health of mothers & babies.

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