

I'm writing to ask for your support of HB611 to allow for Medicaid coverage for doulas in Ohio. My husband and I gave birth to our daughter in Dayton, OH four years ago at Miami Valley Hospital. Our doula was integral to our birth experience! She supported us throughout my pregnancy and throughout my very long labor. My husband and I were so fortunate to have her and to be able to afford her services. I know, unfortunately, too many women who cannot afford the help of a doula for their births and it breaks my heart! They should have that support too! Studies even support the use of a doula, stating that having a doula decreases interventions and morbidity, and increases positive outcomes.

Doulas make birthing safer!

Thank you for your time and please support HB611.

Thank you,

Kathryn and Christopher Beck