

Chairwoman Manchester, Vice Chair Cutrona, Ranking Member Denson, and Members of the House Families, Aging, and Human Services Committee – thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on HB 496.

We are Jonathon and Betty Raber and we belong to the McArthur Amish Community. We are blessed with two healthy children and are pregnant with our third. We prefer home births, a more relaxing way for labor and delivery. And we would feel safer to know our midwives could provide lifesaving medications that HB 496 would legally allow. We are 30 minutes from the nearest hospital with the ambulance. Therefore, it would be great to have a midwife with access to lifesaving meds. Prenatal and postpartum care provided by midwives is very convenient for us stay at home moms. This is why I am in support of HB 496.

Thank you and God bless,

Jonathon and Betty Raber