

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.

My name is Mary Shrock, I am a member of the McArthur Amish Community, which is about 30 minutes from the nearest hospital. We need our midwife to have all the medications needed for childbirth emergencies legally. And we want ultrasounds and lab work to be easier for her to obtain too. We have one little girl and if we are ever blessed with another child I would choose to plan a home birth again so we want our midwife to be legally able to carry lifesaving medications. It is very important to us and to our community that midwifery is safe and accessible for us, so we fully support HB 496.

Thank you,

Joseph and Mary Shrock