

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 very much in need of licensed midwives. The support midwives give us in birth is much appreciated and important as we live in a rural community 30-45 minutes from a hospital. We want our midwives to be protected. It is very, very important to us that they can carry medications, order ultrasounds and labs, and so forth. We have family that have needed medication in an emergency (postpartum hemorrhage) and it is so scary to have to risk the painful ride to the hospital. We like to stay in a comfortable place to be cared for which for us is most likely at home. Thank you so much for understanding our needs.

Sincerely,

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