

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.

This is being written in support of HB 496. We think this is very important. We live in a rural area with no hospitals in the closest towns. The closest hospitals are 30-45 minutes away, if we would need further medical care. It would be a big help for us if our midwives could be licensed for providing ultrasounds, labs, and meds, etc. I have had an experience that I know is it was important for my midwife to be able to use these medications. This can help prevent an emergency situation, so we wouldn't have to go to the hospital, which is not very close. This is very important to us and we support the licensing of midwives!

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