

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.

I've had seven children, six being born at home with midwives. I love the idea of home birth for different reasons. Firstly, nothing beats the comfort of home. Secondly, your newborns aren't exposed to as many people etc. Lastly, it's less costly. But overall, I'm thankful hospitals are there for when we need them but I fully support HB 496.

Thank you,

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