

**Regarding:**

134th General Assembly  
Regular Session  
H. B. No. 496 2021-2022

Good Afternoon,

I am opposed to the passing of H.B. No 496.

This bill unreasonably restricts the activity of uncertified doula's and uncertified midwives. Uncertified doula's and midwives provide psychological and emotional support to laboring mothers and their partners.

Additionally, it restricts the freedom of consumers to choose the type of care they prefer when planning for labor and birth.

My wife and I had worked with uncertified doula's and midwives for a home birth with our first child and we were provided excellent care. It is worth noting that we have also gone through hospital births and c-section births since that time.

That is to say- my wife and I support modern medical practices and common-sense regulations that ensure safety in a medical situation. But this bill is unreasonably restrictive and not common-sense.

The option for care from unlicensed doula's and unlicensed midwives should remain a legal and unrestricted option for Ohioans.

Respectfully,

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