

Dear Honorable Members of the HGO Committee,

I am writing in support of HB1032. I am happy to see this move forward.

VBAC (vaginal birth after cesarean) is a safe option for most women. Direct entry midwives are highly trained to screen and refer out to other practitioners if a client is not a good candidate. Women deserve informed consent in all settings with all pregnancies, as all people deserve to exercise informed consent in their medical care. Pregnant women should not face discrimination in accessing safe and reasonable care in any setting. This bill meets the standards of safe and reasonable care.

Please pass this bill. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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