

To Whom It May Concern:

I had a successful but very medical delivery of my first-born child at a hospital; with my second, I wanted a quiet family-centered experience at home.

The laws at the time wouldn't support me to have a safe, attended home birth with an otherwise healthy pregnancy.

See, I had a C-section with my first-born. In Maryland Certified Professional Midwives have no way of attending home births for women who previously had a C-section (VBACs). I did end up having my child at home in a memorable and deeply satisfying birth experience. But the options to support me and my spouse on this vulnerable day were limited.

It is imperative for other women like me to be able to have safe, legal VBACs at home attended by trained certified license direct-entry midwives.

Please support HB1032.

Thank you for your consideration.

Submitted respectfully,
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