

Committee Administrators,

I am writing to you as a husband and father of two. During the childbirth process, my wife and both of my children benefited from the world class health care many Minnesotans have access to. A doula was an essential part of our care team. There is no question that their health outcomes were improved by the services our doula provided.

There are certainly many missing links in our healthcare system, but the access to doula services is an important issue to me and HF2846/SF2923 is a step in the right direction that will increase access. In order for those services to be equitable for all Minnesotans and for doula services to be a financially feasible model of service, this increase in medical assistance reimbursement rates is needed.

Thank you for your time,

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