



22 February 2024

Senator Melissa Wiklund  
Chair, Health & Human Services Committee  
Minnesota Senate Building, Room 1100

Dear Chair Wiklund and Members of the Health & Human Services Committee,

The Birth Justice Collaborative is writing to request your support of SF 3546, a bill clarifying that licensed traditional midwives have the authority to obtain, possess, and administer drugs, supplies, and devices to the birthing people they care for.

Traditional midwives already have the authority to administer drugs and supplies for the birthing people they care for, expanding their scope of work to explicitly include the authority to obtain and possess these resources will allow for traditional midwives to continue providing critical care to birthing people in Minnesota.

The scope of midwifery services encompasses the assessment and care of a pregnant person and newborn during the pregnancy, labor, birth, and postpartum period. It is critical for midwives to have the authority to care for their clients because we know they are proven to improve access to perinatal care and reduce infant mortality rates, preterm births, and the need for cesarean births in African American, American Indian, and rural communities.

The Birth Justice Collaborative urges you to join us in supporting HF 3387 to empower the midwifery workforce to continue providing care to families in our community.

Thank you,

**The Birth Justice Collaborative of Hennepin County**

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Division of Indian Works,  
Native American Community Clinic,  
Northside Healing Space, Liberty Church,  
Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center,  
University of Minnesota Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center