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Representative Tina Liebling
Chair, Health Finance & Policy Committee
State Office Building, Room 5

Dear Chair Liebling and Members of the Health Finance & Policy Committee,

The Birth Justice Collaborative is writing to request your support of HF 3387, 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

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