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To whom it may concern,

I am a midwife and a Lactation Consultant and feel compelled to write to you to give you some insight into the problems some women face after they have a baby and therefore why breastfeeding rates are so low in our society.

After women have their babies the length of hospital stay is so short now, only 2 midnights at my hospital. Breastfeeding issues are often only becoming apparent at this stage and we are forced to discharge them and see them just once per day or every second day in the home.

What I feel would assist us in helping women to prolong their breastfeeding is to provide more funded outpatient clinics (breastfeeding support clinics) to be able to assist women with breastfeeding issues well past the first few days. Some women are often desperate for help in the community and there are very few places to go and most have very long waiting lists for appointments. I feel the women would greatly benefit from some help in this area and therefore increase the breastfeeding rates. Thankyou in anticipation of your support  
Regards  
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