

To whom it may concern,

My name is Rebecca Ozols. I wish to voice my opinions on homebirth and the importance of it.

As we are all well aware, woman have been giving birth for as long as the human race has existed. In the beginning, there were no hospitals. Woman would give birth at HOME, in sheds, barns and in fields. Had this been such a dangerous practice then surely the human race would not have continued.

Yes there are risks in giving birth if the pregnant mother and unborn child are not monitored throughout the pregnancy, but in a healthy, low risk pregnancy - there should be no need to be in a hospital setting should this be the mothers wish.

By handing out fines and jail terms to competent midwives means you are undermining all their hard years of study, you are undermining the human race and you are taking away human rights. I believe you will also encourage woman to birth at home by themselves without the knowledge and expertise of a midwife.

I hope that mine, along with others objective emails makes you see how ridiculous banning and punishing homebirthing midwives actually is. Keep the jail space for those that really deserve to be there.

Regards,

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