

Dear Senator Moore, I am deeply disturbed by the possibility of home birth not being a choice. Both my children were born at home, I had a different midwife for both occasions and found their support and continuity of care exceedingly supportive. My son could not feed at first, and with the care, attention and experience of the midwife he learnt to feed over five days. I know that he would have been encouraged to be bottle fed in a hospital situation.

It is imperative that the future generations have the opportunity to be birthed in the nurturing environment of the home. The sterile, anesthetised environment for one's first experience of life is not for everyone. There are many women who feel strongly enough about the importance of giving birth at home that they will continue to do so without a trained midwife if necessary.

We have to be strong and fight this letigious society that is based on fear!

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