

Dear Mrs Claire Moore

I wish to contact you to urge you not to allow this bill to go forth that will put an end to home birthing. Women need to have the choice to home birth in a safe situation with experienced midwives. Home birth is a common occurrence throughout the world and in western countries such as the Netherlands. Home birth creates an environment for women where they can feel safe and secure without the fear of hospitals and unnecessary interventions for a normal birth. Home birth also allows women to seek there full potential of a natural birth - without the offer of drugs and pain killers that is the norm in the hospital environment.

Nowadays also there is so much fear surrounding birth that many women are choosing cesareans. People need to be reeducated on birth and recognise that it is a natural process and not necessarily a medical condition.

Having a home birth or a private midwife provides women with the confidence that they can birth naturally with an experienced midwife. Having a midwife gives them confidence that they do not need (hopefully) an obstetrician. Also they learn about managing pain and other ways to alleviate the pain and fear that currently surrounds child birth.

So I urge you please do not allow this bill to go ahead. Some women who want home births will this still do it anyway. Also many women will also miss the opportunity to birth naturally if there is no alternative to the hospital system.

Regards

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