

To whom it may concern

I write as a woman, a mother and a midwife. Please consider the wider implications of making homebirth illegal with a qualified midwife. I work in a rural hospital and I back up a local homebirth midwife as the second midwife at a birth a couple of times a year. I can totally understand why women love to birth in their homes. They are well informed and educated women who birth in their own bedrooms, surrounded by those that love them and then afterwards snuggle into bed with their partners. They required no medical interventions, they were free to do as their body instinctively knew how to do. Some women choose to birth in hospital and where I work we aim to give women a similiar experience but they birth their because they choose. THE ISSUE IS CHOICE, and to make the choice SAFE.

Please consider the practice is encouraged in the Scandinavian countries and their infant mortality rate is amongst the lowest in the world.

regards
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