

I feel every woman has the right to decide how she feels to birth her own children. There is much scientific evidence that women who feel safe, comfortable and connected to their body are much more confident to birth their child without medical intervention. A woman to naturally open up and move thru the natural process of birth has more opportunity to experience this for themselves and their family if they are at home, accompanied by their Midwife.

I am a 51 year old woman and gave birth to my daughter at home with a midwife at the age of 43 without any medical intervention. I decided to birth my child this way because I was at my nieces home birth, 15 years prior to my daughter's birth and I felt if I was ever to have a child I would birth this way. The energy, the calmness, the beauty of the event and the mother, child and all the family together how they were spoke to me as this was the way I wanted to birth my child.

I urge you not to take this form of birthing away from women. Women need to have a range of choices from which they feel is right for them.

I feel so fortunate to have had the wonderful care and love for myself and my baby before giving birth, during and after by a beautiful and wonderful midwife. Please don't remove this right for women.

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