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Hello,

I wanted to tell you that I strongly believe that we need to find a way for midwives to be able to provide homebirth care.

I had a planned home birth in January 2009 that didn't go to plan; I transferred, on the advice of my private midwives, and had a caeser birth.

I believe that this outcome, as bad as it was, was not so traumatic for me as for many other women because I had two experienced midwives with me. Women I had known by this stage for almost 9 months. Women whom I trusted and who placed my care first.

I hope to be blessed with more children but I now face the choice of getting pregnant in September, so I can birth at home with my midwives legally.

Or get pregnant in my own time and go to hospital for an excellent chance of another caeser birth.

Or free birth at home.

None of these choices are acceptable to me.

To remove midwives from homebirth care is to remove women's choices.

Please look to NZ or the UK or the Netherlands for the safe, cost effective and positive birth outcomes that women and society enjoy with government supported homebirth.

Thank you

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