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To Whom It May Concern:

I submit this letter in regards to the Senate Inquiry for the Medicare for Midwives Legislation.

As an Australian woman who wants to start a family in the next few years I urge you not to let the three bills already introduced in Parliament prohibiting Independent Midwives from attending home birthing continue. I strongly believe that the women and men of Australia should not lose their right to choose both their caregiver and their place of birth.

I recently had the joy of witnessing the home birth of my happy and healthy nephew and was so blown away with how safe the birth was and how experienced the independent midwife was. Having seen first hand how safe and peaceful home birthing can be with the aid of an experienced midwife, it is something my partner and I have been considering for ourselves. To take this choice away from prospective parents or from independent midwives should not be allowed. Hospitals are over crowded and are without enough doctors so to take away the choice of birthing at home seems preposterous.

Midwives play a vital role in the health and safety, both mentally and physically of mothers and their babies. We should be supporting the men and women who have chosen to dedicate their lives to helping the next generation of Australians into this world no matter where they are born.

Kind Regards,

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