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Hello, I submit this testimony as a mother who has delivered two healthy babies in hospital while living in Providence, RI. This bill would allow trained professionals an avenue to compensation which would improve access to care for all Rhode Island Families. Midwives don't only provide birth support they also make well woman visits accessible for myself, my family and our community.

Access to healthcare and healthcare appointments is a barrier for most families. Education and healthcare at the community level and in the home helps families and removes some burden from the workforce already stretched so thin in this state.

Thank you for your time.