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To Whom it May Concern,

I was born at Newport Hospital in 1965. I gave birth to my daughter at Newport Hospital in 1998. I certainly don't remember my experience when I was born but I have very vivid positive memories of my wonderful experience at Newport Hospital when I delivered my daughter. My daughter-in-law is expecting their first baby in a few weeks and will be delivering at Newport Hospital. We are so fortunate that she does not have to travel and can deliver her baby in Newport where she was born and raised. After a 37 year career as a teacher and counselor in the Newport Public Schools, I know first-hand how many of our families struggle with finances, transportation, etc and I can not even imagine what will happen if we were to lose our birthing center. My guess is they would have to take an ambulance to Women and Infants as so many of our families do not have cars or transportation and it would cause hardship if they had to stay up in Providence for several days. Newport Hospital serves Aquidneck Island and surrounding areas, we need to have a birthing center that is close by and accessible for all. Please keep our birthing center at Newport Hospital.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kathleen Breede