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Please do not close The Birthing Center! For the safety of pregnant women and their babies! Obstetric services need to be as close as possible to provide care during emergencies and also routine childbirth, which can not always be a planned event! Plus, transporting patients to a hospital with Obstetric Services puts a strain on local EMS! So non-obstetric patients suffer also because EMS may be off island.

Thank you,  
Lynne ann Villani

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