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**Subject:** Do not close the Birthing Center

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Dear Chair and Members of the House Health Committee:

I'm writing in strong support of H8203, H7272 and H7627. I lived in Newport for several years during my time at and after attending Salve Regina University where I received care from Newport Hospital. My husband was also stationed there for five years.

As a military family in our mid-30's, my husband and I have always planned to give birth at Newport Hospital. While we have not moved back to Newport yet, our plan is to do so as soon as his next deployment is over. This is where we want to start a family. We have many friends in the military who have given birth at this hospital and have all had the best experiences. Many of our friends live there now and have the same plan to start a family there. The location is crucial to military families stationed in that area and who do not have much flexibility on where and when they can receive services.

Closing the birthing center would certainly have an impact on our family decision to move back to that area.

I respectfully urge passage.

Sincerely,  
Brittany Doherty