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Dear Chair Donovan and Members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services:

I am writing to ask for your SUPPORT for three bills sponsored by Rep. Carson addressing birthing centers and maternal and child health that are scheduled for hearing before your committee on Thursday, April 19th.

These bills are:

- H8203
- H7272
- H7627

The Newport County community appreciates that Brown Health has made this decision to keep the Newport Hospital Birthing Center open, but we also need a long-term solution to keep the Birthing Center secure for this essential health care in Newport County. The outpouring of support for the Birthing Center was an indication that the community valued its presence and depended on its continued existence to serve the prenatal, birthing and health of mothers and infants in Newport County. The potential closing of the Birthing Center revealed the need for state policies that would protect not only the birthing center in Newport County, but also birthing centers wherever they exist within the state's healthcare system.

Please support these three bills that propose to address long term support for maternal and infant health within Newport County and the state.

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