

Jasmin Martin

From: Willow Walasquez [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 9:38 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: In support of SB192

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. **As a mother, I believe this would provide midwives to provide higher quality care for women to have higher satisfaction with their prenatal care, birth, and postpartum care. Studies have shown, women who are in an environment of their choosing, have higher satisfaction with their birth experience and better long term mental health. Making services of midwives more available for Alaskans means more positive mental health for Alaskan mothers.** This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,
Willow Bosela
Sterling

Jasmin Martin

From: Hannah Adams [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 9:48 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: YES to SB192 and HB334

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,
Hannah Adams

Jasmin Martin

From: Jaci Carmen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 9:49 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Yes to SN192/HB334

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Jaci Carmen

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Jasmin Martin

From: AK Honeybee 907 [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 10:08 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SB192

To whom it may concern:

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. I am a licensed Direct Entry Midwifery Apprentice in the state of Alaska as well as a mother of four babies born with midwives. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now. I hope and pray that this Bill passes as midwifery is one of the largest parts of my life aside from being a mother. I care for mothers and babies to the best of my abilities, and this bill would help us to become equal with the national standards of midwives.

Sincerely,

Bethany Kirillov of Wasilla, AK

Sent from my iPhone

Jasmin Martin

From: jessica clemons [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 11:01 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Yes to sb192 and hb334

To whom it may concern,

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Jessica Clemons - Wasilla, Alaska

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Jasmin Martin

From: Maria Ivanov [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 12:44 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Yes on sb192 hb334

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Thank you,
Maria
Wasilla, ak

Jasmin Martin

From: Brittany Gould [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 12:54 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Yes to SB192 and HB334

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely, Brittany Gould

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Jasmin Martin

From: Alexandra Cummins [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 5:36 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Passing of SB192

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Cummins, wasilla

Sent from my iPhone

Jasmin Martin

From: Bethel Belisle [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 8:25 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SB192

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Bethel Belisle, CDM CPM

Anchorage, AK

Chair, Alaska Board of Certified Direct Entry Midwives

Jasmin Martin

From: Haley Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 8:46 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: I SUPPORT

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now. I'm so grateful to have had the opportunity to birth both of my boys at a midwifery with Mary Yanagawa by my side both times!! Please pass this bill so others can also experience the beauty of a midwife assisted birth ❤️

Sincerely, Haley- Palmer, AK

Jasmin Martin

From: Olivia Heath [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 9:18 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: YES!

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,
Olivia Jenkins
Anchorage, AK

Jasmin Martin

From: Rebecca Young [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 9:23 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Support for Alaskan Midwives

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefiting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Midwifery in Alaska is safe and effective and taking away government over reach and regulations would allow women across the state to receive premium birthing experience and leave Alaskans with an option that fits our lifestyle and Alaskan values. I gave birth at Providence Hospital and I birthed two children with a midwife and those births with my midwife were seamless, safe, and empowering experiences that I would not trade my life for. Our hospitals are overtaxed and with the addition to covid as a factor in our future, the atmosphere of hospitals has changed and the addition of a highly contagious virus has made them, in my opinion, no longer the best option for non-complicated and low risk pregnancies. To allow pregnant persons the ability to birth out of hospitals is an investment in the future of our state and this bill shows that our government cares about Alaskans. Thank you for this bill and I hope and pray it passes.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Aho, Seward Alaska

Jasmin Martin

From: Noa Belisle [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 9:40 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SB192 and HB334

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Sincerely,

Now Kellar, Anchorage, AK

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Jasmin Martin

From: Jennifer Kazmar [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 10:13 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Sb192 hb 334

Hello,

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Jeni Hanks

Sent from my iPhone

Jasmin Martin

From: Asher Belisle [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 10:18 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SB192 and HB334

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Sincerely,
Asher Belisle, Anchorage

Jasmin Martin

From: Gabrielle Peterson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 10:53 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely
Gabrielle paulk soldotna ak

Jasmin Martin

From: Titus Hermann [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 10:54 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Cc: Joe Hayes
Subject: In support of SB192

Hi,

I am writing today to urge you to support SB 192. I have personally seen the positive impacts of midwifery and delivering at home especially for families who are self employed and pay out of pocket.

Sincerely,

Titus Hermann

Jasmin Martin

From: Miko Hayes [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 11:03 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SUPPORT SB192 and HB334

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery.

I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Alaskan mothers deserve the right to choose their health care! In rural areas, pregnant women are having to make long trips just for the delivery of their child. I once met a woman at a children's park who was there alone with 3 children (one of whom is special needs). From rural Alaska, she was 9 months pregnant and waiting in a HOTEL to go into labor so that she could be cared for by the professionals at the hospital. Why?! She traveled all this way, alone (husband working back home) because she had no choice. GIVE OUR WOMEN A CHOICE! Normalize postpartum care! Normalize individual care of Alaskan mothers! Bring our midwives to rural Alaska and normalize this practice.

When I was pregnant with my child, I used a midwifery out of pocket. The level of care is so different and so necessary. We met once a week individually and also in a group setting of other pregnant women. We were provided healthy meals during this time. We were given an hour to speak our fears and ask our questions. This experience affected how I had my child- it affected my physical health to be so taken care of. OB/GYN care is so important in our world, but it is not our only choice.

Women have been birthing babies for centuries, this is a practice that has benefitted the human race far longer than any alternative medicinal practice has. Stand up for women in Alaska, help us with our goal. VOTE YES!!!

Sincerely,
Kumiko Helming, Anchorage.

Jasmin Martin

From: Titus and Desirae Hermann [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 11:05 AM
To: Joe Hayes; Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: In Support of SB192

Hello, my name is Desirae Hermann. I am at an age where starting a family has become a priority and I couldn't imagine doing it without a midwife to see me through.

My sister in law had a baby a few years ago and had a wonderful midwife. She labored good and hard but when it came down to it she ended up having a C-section at a hospital. It wasn't what she imagined but it was a beautiful journey. A journey SHE chose.

Her labor was peaceful and she had family around her. Her midwife was so closely and responsibly monitoring her that she knew when it was time for other methods to keep mother and baby safe.

That is how it's supposed to be. Freedom to labor and deliver where they choose. I was so touched and amazed that I considered studying to become a midwife myself. I've been to multiple hospital births and this was an ENTIRELY DIFFERENT experience. A better experience for mothers is what I personally saw.

I'm asking that you support SB192 to keep those experiences and options alive. Thank you. Desirae Hermann

Jasmin Martin

From: Jordan Stevenson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 11:55 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services

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Sincerely a home birthing mother of 5,

Jordan Stevenson

Jasmin Martin

From: T.J. Howland [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 12:23 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SB 192 support

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Terry Howland, Anchorage, AK

Jasmin Martin

From: Clarice Amorim Freitas [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 12:26 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: YES to SB192 and HB334

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

- Clarice Amorim Freitas, resident of Eagle River, mom of a baby born at home.

Jasmin Martin

From: Kyndra Leahy [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 12:33 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: YES TO SB192 & HB334

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,
Kyndra Leahy

Jasmin Martin

From: Lauren Sams [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 12:33 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services

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Sincerely,
Lauren Sams, Wasilla AK

Jasmin Martin

From: Leah Hart [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 12:39 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: I support midwifery care

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Warmly,
Leah Hart

Sent from my iPhone

Jasmin Martin

From: Sofina Pico [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 12:54 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Support for sb192

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Sofina Pico

Palmer, AK

Sent from my iPhone

From: Robert Pugh [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 1:04 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SB192

I'm writing in support SB192 and HB334

The Alaska Midwifery Board Statute changes.

I'm an Alaskan father of 4 home birthed children and 4 grandchildren. I'm a strong advocate for women's rights to choose how and where they deliver their children.

We must have faith in our licensed midwives training and judgement or risk losing medical freedom of choice all together.

I have full faith and confidence in Alaska's licensed and experienced midwives to always put the health and well being of their clients above and beyond anything else. I'm not so sure I can say the same about hospitals and those that work for big corporations and profit margins.

There is a saying that "if you don't want to have a cesarean don't hire a surgeon to deliver your baby."

Out of hospital midwives are trained in more traditional methods and medications. They do not have the benefit of an operating room as a "safety net" therefore they use tried and true methods of delivering babies the way it has been done since the beginning of mankind.

Properly trained and certified midwives are trained to recognize complications and to determine if they are safely able to deal with them or if it's necessary to transfer into a hospital. There are national standards and regulations that clearly identify and provide guidelines for out of hospital midwives to follow in these situations. Rather than each state trying to write their own regulations and restrictions as Alaska has done in the past, Alaska needs to adopt statutes and regulations that are inline with these national standards of practice to ensure the health and safety of women while respecting their individual rights to choose the best options for their personal situation. When state licensure is based on national certification, the profession as a whole plays an important role in regulation through the processes of accountability maintained by the national certifying agency.

When the state determines that they know better, women have lost their childbearing rights. Making certain women's health choices illegal has never improved women's health.

While no state in the US has laws or regulations that restrict where or how a person gives birth, it turns out that some states' midwifery regulations end up limiting birth options for families. And, in the familiar "keeping women safe" rhetoric of anti-choice activists, over-regulation of home birth midwives can have a similar effect of making birth less safe, as some people are choosing to birth at home anyway—just without a skilled birth attendant by their side. I encourage you to research "free birth" or "unassisted birth" online. Over recent years a growing number of women have chose to not give birth in a hospital, birth center or even use a licensed midwife at home. There are multiple reasons why a woman may choose to take such a risk which includes fear of COVID-19, pandemic protocols and restrictions, unwanted medical procedures, cesareans, inability to have a home birth after cesarean, inability to choose provider based on insurance coverage, lack of insurance and out of pocket costs and feeling of no control over their choices and birth plans. Obviously not having trained and experienced health care providers attending a birth is a major health and safety concern. This issue has also created a demand for "rogue midwives" or women with little or no professional training to assist in childbirth. This has become a growing issue in Alaska as well as other states with very restrictive birth options for expecting mothers.

I strongly encourage you to support SB192 and HB334 to protect the future of licensed midwifery in Alaska as well as preserving women's rights and medical freedoms.

Robert Pugh
Eagle River, AK
[REDACTED]
sheepdogak@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

Jasmin Martin

From: Julia Kewin [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 1:07 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Support of Expanded Midwife Practice

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Julia Kewin

Jasmin Martin

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 1:12 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SB192 and HB334

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Carrie Bowell
Crystalline Vibrance

Jasmin Martin

From: regina easterling <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 2:17 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Sb192 and HB334

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Jasmin Martin

From: Cale Herschleb [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 2:08 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: YES to SB192 and HB334

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Cale Herschleb, Cordova, Alaska

Jasmin Martin

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 2:18 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Support of SB192 and HB334

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Caroline Hernandez, Ferndale WA

Respectfully,
Caroline Hernandez

Jasmin Martin

From: Nahoni Hicks [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 3:18 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Alaska Midwifery statutes

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Sincerely,

Nahoni Hicks, Wasilla

Jasmin Martin

From: Jim and Deb Snyder [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 3:27 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Midwifery

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Deborah Snyder

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S9+, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone
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Jasmin Martin

From: Sara Gee [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 3:28 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SupportForSB192

Sent from my iPhone

Jasmin Martin

From: Alayna Peterson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 4:25 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Support of SB192 & HB334

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Alayna Peterson
Wasilla, Alaska

❤️ Home Birth Mom with Midwife ❤️

Jasmin Martin

From: Hayley McKinney [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 4:48 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Yes

Yes I support SB192

Hayley McKinney

Jasmin Martin

From: Andrea Stiers <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 12:45 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services

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Sincerely,
Andrea Stiers

Jasmin Martin

From: sara walker [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 5:26 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Midwifery

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Sincerely,
Sara Walker

Sent from my iPhone

Jasmin Martin

From: Elaine Lupie [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 6:38 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: L&C

Dear Senator,

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Elaine Lupie

Jasmin Martin

From: Megan Mcgee <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 6:52 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Support for SB192 and HB334

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Sincerely,

Megan Erickson

Jasmin Martin

From: Dominique Simon [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 7:37 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Support for SB192

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Thank you
Dominique, Anchorage

Jasmin Martin

From: Lacey Peace [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 8:57 PM
Subject: YES to SB192 and HB334

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Best,
Lacey Peace
Soldotna, Alaska

Jasmin Martin

From: Kate Sebring [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 10:02 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services

I wanted to reach out and state that the care I received from my home birth/midwife team was beyond exceptional. I had my first child via planned home birth in January of 2021-Covid was putting fear into a lot of people and I did not want to birth in a hospital for that and many other reasons. Alaska is an amazing state and the women who live here should have full and unrestricted access to the incredible care, support and knowledge of midwives in home birth settings.

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Thank you,

Kate Sebring

Jasmin Martin

From: [REDACTED]
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Yes to SB192 and HB334

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Carrie Bowell

Wasilla, AK

Crystalline Vibrance

Jasmin Martin

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 2:22 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Support for midwifery care in Alaska

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,
Prescott Family, Fairbanks Alaska

Jasmin Martin

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 5:04 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: YES to SB192 and HB334.

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(name)

Jasmin Martin

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 7:45 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services

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Tricia Chapman, Anchorage AK

Sent from my iPhone

Jasmin Martin

From: Molly Trostel [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 8:06 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SB 192 & HB 334

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Best,
Molly

Jasmin Martin

From: Molly Morgan [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 9:32 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Support SB192 and HB334

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Molly Morgan

Jasmin Martin

From: Morgan Bunch [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 12:48 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SAY YES to SB192 and HB334

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Sincerely, Morgan Bunch Wasilla, Alaska

Jasmin Martin

From: Zoe Fuller <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 9:06 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Support for SB192 and HB334

Hi there,

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

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Sincerely,

Zoe Fuller, Palmer AK

Jasmin Martin

From: Colleen Heaney-Mead <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 9:20 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SB 192

I am writing in regards to SB 192. I urge the legislature to pass these updates to midwifery regulation in Alaska.

I have had one hospital birth with an OB and two out-of-hospital births with CNMs. I felt that the out-of-hospital care was far superior to hospital care due to the nature of midwifery, getting a full picture of a patient's health and life. I think it is crucial that insurance companies cover this care. I also see no reason to have an OB be part of the board of midwives.

Sincerely,

Colleen Heaney-Mead
Anchorage

Sent from my iPhone

Jasmin Martin

From: Bill Fisk [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2022 7:37 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Supporting Midwives of Alaska

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Thank you,
Bill Fisk
Kenai, AK

Jasmin Martin

From: Hayley Belisle [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2022 8:01 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SB192 HB334

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,
Hayley Belisle

Jasmin Martin

From: Alisa Elliott [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2022 9:26 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: YES to SB192 and HB334

As somebody who seamlessly delivered two boys at home, I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. Six weeks is not enough to support a new family, particularly maternal care. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,
Alisa Elliott Rector, Anchorage

Sent from my iPhone

Jasmin Martin

From: Anthony Bunch [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2022 7:33 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Say YES to SB192 and HB334

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Sincerely,

Anthony Bunch, Wasilla Alaska

Jasmin Martin

From: Karen Wenger [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2022 10:09 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: YES to SB192 and HB334

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Thank you,
Karen Wenger
Wasilla, AK



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Jasmin Martin

From: Samuel W [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2022 10:15 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Yes to SB192 HB334

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Sincerely,
Samuel Wenger
Wasilla,AK

Jasmin Martin

From: Maranda Bower [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 9:11 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: YES to SB192 and HB334!!

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

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Best,
Maranda Bower
Postpartum Nutrition Specialist
Womb Whisperer® +
CEO & Founder of Postpartum University®
www.MarandaBower.com/Podcast

Jasmin Martin

From: Shawna Shields <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2022 8:07 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Midwifery Bill

Hello,

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.
Sincerely, Shawna Shields

Jasmin Martin

From: roger and laura young [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 1:41 PM
To: Sen. David Wilson
Subject: SB184

My husband Roger Young and I firmly support SB184 and HB334. Midwifery care is very important for Alaska families!
Laura L. Lemons

Sent from my iPhone

Jasmin Martin

From: Bethel Belisle [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2022 11:50 AM
To: Sen. David Wilson
Subject: SB192

Senator Wilson,

My name is Bethel Belisle and I am the Chair of the Board of Certified Direct Entry Midwives and I am writing asking for your support for SB 192. This Bill is the completion of a legislative audit that began in 2016. That audit recommended that the board "pursue statutory changes that benefit the public." Sadly, the previous board did not make changes due to financial concerns. The next audit was 2020 and I joined the board and became the Chair. There were 3 concerns listed on that audit. The audit again recommended statutory changes that benefit the public, change in our peer review process giving the Board better oversight and fiscal responsibility. During the last legislative session, we passed bills for peer review and our board is now operating in the black. SB 192 is the final piece to completing our audit.

SB 192 will:

Align Alaska midwifery laws with the national standard.

Increase Alaska's fiscal responsibility by placing the burden of vetting midwifery applicants to a National Organization, thereby streamlining the in state process of licensure.

Extends well baby visits from 4 weeks to 6 weeks, thus helping to reduce neonatal morbidity.

Extends postpartum care to 1 year, again reducing maternal morbidity and mortality by having a trusted provider helping with maternal mental health concerns and giving referrals as needed in the first year postpartum.

Allow for preconception counseling thereby increasing the health of the next generation of Alaskans.

Overall, this bill stands for Womens Rights to chose where and with whom they feel most comfortable birthing with. SB 192 completes the legislative audit by protecting public safety while providing lower childbirth costs, an average of 40% lower cesarean rates, less low birth weight babies and 26% less likely to birth a baby prematurely.

I would appreciate your support on SB 192. Please reach out with any questions.

Bethel Belisle CDM, CPM

Chair, Board of Certified Direct Entry Midwives

907-444-3027

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Jasmin Martin

From: Kendal Pike [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2022 10:49 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services; mike.t.kruse@gmail.com
Subject: Sb192 midwifery

Senators,

I am writing emphatically in support of SB 192 for midwifery in Alaska. I am a healthcare provider, mother and (obviously) a woman who supports women's right to determine their care during pregnancy.

During 2020 due to extreme hospital and obgyn policies my husband and I left our care at Providence to find a midwife. We delivered our baby at home and avoided being subject to the covid policies that wouldn't have allowed me to have my husband and or my mother at the birth of my child as my support and help in making life altering decisions about my care when I was most vulnerable.

We had a wonderful and life changing experience and will most definitely hire a midwife for our next baby to be delivered at home.

The scientific literature has demonstrated for decades that midwifery care is an enormous benefit to women, birth and delivery outcomes, and infant mortality. The vast amount of literature also demonstrates that unmedicated births with minimal intervention are FAR SUPERIOR to heavy medication and common interventions that are instituted by hospitals. If women choose to have a medicated birth, c section, the myriad of interventions that should be their informed choice but for those of us who choose natural births we need midwives in Alaska that are knowledgeable and supportive of natural births.

Lastly, as a point of reference financially one of my children delivered at Providence billed our insurance for \$26,000 and my second son born at home was billed for a total cost of \$4000. Forcing women to give birth at hospitals exponentially raises the costs and places massive burdens on families that are completely unnecessary when there are more cost effective alternatives.

I look forward to watching this bill move through committees with great interest.

Thank you,
Kendal Kruse

Jasmin Martin

From: sarah slater [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2022 11:30 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: YES to SB192 and HB334

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

My decision is made after exploring evidence based research. Most preconceived conceptions and concerns regarding out of hospital midwifery care is easily debunked with readily available statistical data and literature reviews.

Sincerely,
Sarah Slater CRNA, APRN
Anchorage, AK

Please excuse any typos made from autocorrect on this dang iPhone 😊

Sarah Slater

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