

To Whom It May Concern Re: Licensure of Freestanding Birth Centers in Vermont!

My name is Madeline Wadolowski and I live in Winhall, Vermont. I am the mother of two children and a Licensed Acupuncturist and Doula. I had my daughter under midwifery care at a birth center in a wing of a hospital in New York. I was considering going to a freestanding birth center, but it was a little too far from my house. We moved to Vermont in 2022 and I was surprised to find out that there are no freestanding birth centers in the State. In 2024, I had my son at home but would have been interested in a birth center birth if there was one local and available. I am proud to live in Vermont and know that we have a lot of great state level resources for families and children. I have lived in New York and Washington State where freestanding birth centers were options for birthing families. Choice in healthcare is important in general, and is a great thing to have when coming up with a birth plan.

Please consider supporting legislation for licensure of Freestanding Birth Centers in Vermont-families in Vermont deserve the same birth choices that families get in the vast majority of the other states in our Nation.

With Well Wishes,
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