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The Division of Health Promotion
Department of Health
P.O. Box 5013
Wellington

To whom it may concern,

Re: 'Your Pregnancy' - Department of Health 1985 -

I am writing this letter on behalf of the AHBA in support of a recent submission made by Auckland domiciliary midwife Ms. Joan Donley to your office.

In this submission, Ms. Donley outlines a well-documented critique of your recent publication which has been widely distributed throughout New Zealand. We would like to take this opportunity to endorse the points and criticisms made and trust that this letter will further draw attention to the discrepancy existing between educational resource material for the general public based on factual information rather than attitudinal viewpoints.

The AHBA is a voluntary, non-profit organisation whose aims are to promote homebirth and domiciliary midwifery as an alternative to the present hospital-based obstetrical schemes. Our current membership stands at 400 families and we are affiliated with 12 other Home Birth Associations in NZ, as well as NAPSAC - The International Association of Parents and Professionals for Safe Alternatives in Childbirth.

Sincerely,

Lillian Dunn

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Secretary AHBA