



August 8, 2023

Birth Detroit
Board of Directors
PO Box 19727
Detroit, MI 48219

Dear Board of Directors,

Henry Ford Health is a health system based in Detroit, Michigan that provides a full range of obstetrics services, from prenatal genetics to pregnancy, childbirth, infant care, breastfeeding and beyond. Henry Ford Health is committed to the health and wellbeing of mothers and babies in our community, and we recognize needs in the community for additional options for prenatal, birth, and postpartum care.

Henry Ford Health understands that Birth Detroit's mission is to provide safe, quality, loving midwife care through pregnancy, birth and beyond. We are pleased to know that Birth Detroit is committed to serving the Detroit community by opening a birthing center which will provide safe midwifery-led maternal healthcare to mothers with low-risk pregnancies regardless of the patient's health insurance status. Birth Detroit will also offer the option of a birth center for low-risk pregnancies.

In addition to being supportive of the opening of the first freestanding birthing center in Detroit, Henry Ford Health looks forward to entering into a transfer agreement with Birth Detroit to provide for the safe and efficient transfer of Birth Detroit patients with high-risk pregnancies who wish to deliver at Henry Ford Health.

Henry Ford Health looks forward to collaborating with Birth Detroit to provide quality care for mothers and babies in the Detroit community. We support and actively participate in initiatives that raise awareness and address the root causes of racial and ethnic disparities surrounding pregnancy through social justice, systems change, and equipping our community with resources. We at Henry Ford Health understand that there is a need for improved care related to maternal social and racial inequities in the community and hope that the opening of the Birth Detroit birthing center will make strides in addressing those needs.

Henry Ford Health wishes to welcome the Birth Detroit birthing center to the community and express our support by way of this letter.

Sincerely,

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Adnan R. Munkarah, MD
President, Care Delivery System
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Henry Ford Health

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D'Angela S. Pitts, MD
Director of Maternal Infant Health Equity
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