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Your Name

Your Address

Your City, Your State Your Zip Code

To Whom it May Concern:

As a parent of a currently presenting breech baby, I am upset that as a large hospital that you don't provide any services for a vaginal breech birth delivery. I understand that many providers stopped doing vaginal breech after the Term Breech Trial (TBT), but since the early 2000s, the evidence of that study (and others) now shows that vaginal breech birth is just as safe with a skilled attendant as a cesarean birth.

As a consumer planning to deliver at your hospital, I implore you to find doctors skilled in the art of vaginal breech birth. Throughout Canada and Europe there is a resurgence of training in breech delivery. There are even providers skilled here in the United States, some of whom used to do breech before the TBT.

How can your hospital consider to be providing optimal care when they do not even provide a pregnant mother an option for how to deliver her breech baby?

Responses to many mothers have been that it is a rare occurrence for a breech presentation, but 4% of mothers at such a large hospital discounts hundreds of mothers and their choices yearly. Even if there were just a handful of mothers yearly who made this decision to vaginally birth breech, it would demonstrate a respect for women's bodies and uphold informed choice.

Please reconsider the skilled staff or contracted groups that are hired. Please find skilled vaginal breech providers who can attend women like me. I should not have to be forced into a cesarean section. Regardless of your personal choices, mine should be respected for the birth of my child. It is my right to make such choices for my healthcare as it also affects subsequent pregnancies, my long term health, and even my self esteem.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Your Name

cc: Coalition for Breech Birth (info@breechbirth.ca)

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