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Dear Senator Dziedzic and members of the Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Committee:

The Minnesota Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) Coalition organization writes in support of SF4570, the Senate Health and Human Services Scope and Licensing Omnibus bill, especially endorsing SF1743 (Boldon), which will provide a Certified Midwife scope of practice, practice authority, licensure, and regulation by the Minnesota Board of Nursing.

The Minnesota APRN Coalition is an organization that represents approximately 12,000 Minnesota Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, including Certified Nurse Midwives, Certified Nurse Practitioners, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, and Clinical Nurse Specialists. The Minnesota APRN Coalition is dedicated to improving patient access to, and choice of, safe, cost-effective healthcare providers by removing statutory, regulatory, and institutional barriers that prevent APRNs from practicing at the highest level of their education.

The Minnesota Certified Midwife Practice Act will:

- Expand patient access to high-quality, cost-effective care that is associated with positive outcomes for mothers and infants,
- Grow the diversity of Minnesota's maternity workforce, and address the aging workforce,
- Alleviate the strain on RN educational programs by providing a pathway to midwifery for those with a bachelor's degree outside of nursing, thus reducing the cost and time to become a midwife, and
- Allow Minnesota to keep pace with the 11 other states and the District of Columbia that already license Certified Midwives.

We thank Senator Boldon for authoring this important legislation, and Chair Wiklund for including it in the Senate HHS Scope and Licensing Omnibus. We also thank Chair Dziedzic and members of the committee for prioritizing this bill for a hearing. Together, we will move maternity care forward in Minnesota. Please vote in favor of this important public health effort.

Sincerely,

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