

THE MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES

MCCPM

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To: Members of the Minnesota Legislature

Re: Senate File 832 (MN Certified Midwife Practice Act)

I am writing on behalf of the Minnesota Council of Certified Professional Midwives (MCCPM) in support of Senate File 832, which would establish licensure for Certified Midwives (CM) in Minnesota.

Minnesota is fortunate to be home to a thriving birth community with an array of maternity providers. The Minnesota Council of Certified Professionals is composed mainly of Certified Professional Midwives, who practice mainly in the home or birth center setting. However, we are also part of a larger midwife community in the Twin Cities. Our group's objectives include advocacy for standards of safe, evidenced-based midwifery care, and communication and relationships between midwives and other healthcare professionals. The Midwives of ACNM are a part of our midwifery community, and MCCPM enthusiastically supports their growth with the introduction of Certified Midwives to Minnesota.

In recent years we have seen an increase in partnership between Certified Nurse Midwives and Certified Professional Midwives. We collaborate on education opportunities, community building, tackling health inequity, and smooth transfers between the home or birth center setting and the hospital when indicated. Team building and collaboration ultimately lead to improved care and outcomes for birthing families. Licensure of Certified Midwives in Minnesota has the opportunity to expand and elevate midwifery care in Minnesota, giving patients and families more access and opportunities to obtain women's healthcare from safe, evidence-based, cost-effective providers.

Licensure of Certified Midwives in Minnesota can also play a critical role of expanding the diversity of race and geography of maternity care in Minnesota. By removing barriers to becoming an ACNM midwife, the Certified Midwife pathway enables Minnesota to increase its maternity workforce, as well as benefit from a wider pool of midwife candidates, including rural residents and future midwives of color.

The introduction of licensure for Certified Midwives (CM) in Minnesota is a tangible and meaningful step in improving the health of Minnesota families. We appreciate you and your colleagues' commitment to advancing maternal and family health. We urge the Minnesota Legislature to act swiftly on these commitments by approving pending SF 832 to license Certified Midwives.

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