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Dear MN Senate Health Committee,

The Minnesota Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) Coalition and the Minnesota Nurse Practitioners (MNNP) organization strongly support the Minnesota Certified Midwife Practice Act, **SF832/HF1010**, which will establish scope of practice, practice authority, licensure, and regulation under the Minnesota Board of Nursing.

The Minnesota Certified Midwife Practice Act will:

- Expand patient access to high-quality, cost-effective maternity care, leading to improved outcomes for mothers and infants.
- Increase diversity within Minnesota's maternity workforce and address the challenges posed by an aging workforce.
- Reduce strain on RN educational programs by providing a direct pathway to midwifery for individuals with a bachelor's degree outside of nursing, decreasing both the cost and time required to become a midwife.
- Align Minnesota with 12 other states that already license Certified Midwives, ensuring our state remains at the forefront of maternity care advancements.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to improving maternity care in Minnesota. We appreciate your efforts in advancing this important public health initiative.

Sincerely,

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