

Dear House Labor and Commerce Committee Members,

I am writing today as the President of the Midwives Association of Alaska (MAA). The Midwives Association had our monthly meeting this morning. We reflected on the amazing work done by motivated supporters of Midwifery in regards to EO No130. We as an Association remain united in the opposition to EO No130. Our deepest hope is that we Midwives will continue to have autonomy, self determination over our trade through our Board. We Midwives again are calling for the rejection of EO No130.

Additionally, I was encouraged to see HB175 get scheduled in the House Labor and Commerce Committee for Wednesday February, 21st. I am in support of HB175 and look forward to following the bill.

As MAA president, I wanted to make myself available to the Committee for questions in regards to either EO 130 or HB175.

Thank you all for your tireless work in the legislature.

Kind Regards,

Onica Sprokkreeff, CDM, CPM, IBCLC
President on the Midwives Association of Alaska

Hello,

I am sharing my opposition towards EO130 and am asking for your support in opposing it as well.

Sincerely,

Kaylen Treffers

Hello,

My name is Lori Berrigan and I'm opposed to Ex order 130 as I feel it will limit the options of pregnant women in AK.

Lori Berrigan
Palmer Alaska

Dear House of Labor and Commerce,

I am writing as a concerned constituent and as a consumer/supporter of Alaskan Midwives. I am asking that you to oppose Executive Order NO. 130.

Executive Order NO. 130 eliminates the Board of Direct Entry Midwives and turns the regulatory duties for Direct Entry Midwives over to Department of Community, Commerce, and Economic Development Administrators. I believe this is overreach of government oversight, and worry that it may strip medical autonomy from Alaskan women and families.

My Midwives guided me and my husband throughout my pregnancies and births so that I felt empowered to make autonomous informed choices each step of the way. Midwifery care is extremely important to me. The care that my midwife provided me allowed me to overcome birth trauma and fear. Giving families an alternative to the hospital is invaluable and essential to families in Alaska. I do not want to see provider choice or birthing options restricted for myself or for future consumers of Midwifery care.

Kind Regards,

Kristen Williamson

Hello!

My name is Jenna Echols and I am opposed to Executive Order 130 as I feel it will limit the options for pregnant women in Alaska. Please vote NO on Executive Order 130.

Thank you.
Jenna Echols