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The Honorable Senator Jesse Bjorkman
Chair, Senate Labor and Commerce Committee
Alaska Capitol, Room 105
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Letter of Support-SB 137 – Extend Boards: Midwives, Nursing, Parole

Dear Chair Senator Bjorkman,

The Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives supports SB 137, and would like to request an extension to our board's termination date 6 years, to June 30, 2031. We received our most recent Audit, which was completed June 6, 2024 and presented to the board in January of this year, and it was favorable for extending the board 6 years.

Sincerely,

Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives

Midwives Association of Alaska

March 28, 2025

The Honorable Senator Jesse Bjorkman

Chair, Senate Labor and Commerce Committee

Juneau, Alaska

I write to you today to express the support of the Midwives' Association of Alaska for Senate Bill 137, extending the Board of Direct-Entry Midwives. My name is Onica Sprokkreeff and in addition to being a practicing Midwife caring for your constituents, I am the President of the Midwives Association of Alaska (MAA). Senate Bill 137 seeks to extend the Board of Midwives to June 30, 2031 as recommended in the most recent audit completed by the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee. Alaskan Midwives support the recommended six-year extension of the Board.

The Midwives Association of Alaska believes the Board of Direct-Entry Midwives continues to serve public interest and protect public safety through the regulatory process. Thank you for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,



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