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To Whom It May Concern:

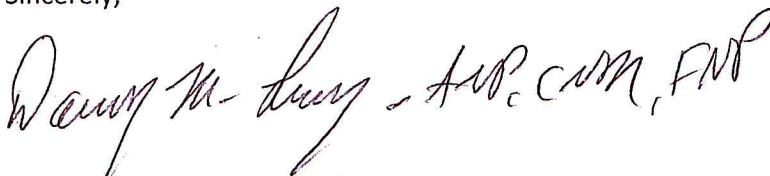
My name is Darcy Lucey, ANP, CNM, FNP. I currently work at a birth center that is jointly owned and managed by Certified Nurse Midwives and Certified Direct Entry Midwives working in collaboration with each other. I am writing in favor of SB 156 which would allow the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives to make updates to the CDM standards as appropriate.

I have worked in collaboration with CDM's for 7 years and during that time have been frustrated by the inability of the Board to keep the CDM required practices and regulations updated with the most recent research. In the world of midwifery/obstetrics, recommendations regarding current practice can change monthly or even weekly. I am constantly working to keep my own practices up-to-date based on new information. Due to conflicting wording in statute, the board has had their hands tied in attempting to keep the CDM scope of practice current.

The members of the Board of Direct-Entry Midwives are respected professionals charged with the task of keeping the public safe in regards to the practice of CDM's in Alaska. I feel they cannot adequately do their jobs in this respect if they cannot make changes to protocol and practice based on the best research and knowledge currently available.

I am therefore in support of the above-named bill. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darcy M. Lucey, ANP, CNM, FNP". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Darcy M. Lucey, MSN, ANP, CNM, FNP-C