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Representative Cathy Munoz
Alaska State Capitol
Room 403
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Munoz,

The Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives is in support of legislation to revise statute AS 08.65.140 Required Practices, to give the Board authority to place them into regulation. The statutes governing Certified Direct-Entry Midwives have not been changed or updated since they were adopted almost 20 years ago.

The Board takes seriously its mandate to ensure public safety as its primary purpose, and also wants to establish Alaska as a "best practices" state for midwifery. By adopting these standards and practices into regulation, the Board can update and make changes as needed to keep current with standards of care and practice guidelines.

Thank you for your consideration in sponsoring legislation to achieve these goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Corrick" followed by a small "By CF.".

Cheryl Corrick, CDM
Chair of the Alaska Board of
Certified Direct-Entry Midwives