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**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2015 10:09 PM  
**To:** Sen. Anna MacKinnon  
**Subject:** Please support HB 26: Extend the CDM Board

Dear Senator Anna MacKinnon,

When I was pregnant, I chose to receive midwifery care from a certified direct-entry midwife for myself and my family. My midwife was licensed through the state of Alaska and provided me with a safe and affordable birth as well as prenatal and postnatal care.

I believe that women should have access to midwifery services. Midwifery care greatly reduces the incidence of costly interventions, such as c sections or neonatal intensive care. These savings are passed on directly to the State for clients who are eligible for Medicaid insurance coverage. The Certified Direct Entry Midwifery Board regulates the midwives in our state, and works to improve the standard of care through regulation. I believe that the continuation of this board is critical to the well being of Alaska's women and children. Please give HB 26 your strongest support!

Thank you for your support of this legislation.

Sincerely,

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