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Good afternoon,

Thank you for the time and thoughtful consideration of House Bill 117: To Extend the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives.

My name is Madi Grimes, and I have served as the President of the Midwives Association of Alaska for the last three years. Upon listening into today's committee meeting, I would like to offer up the following to address some questions raised.

Alaska is a front-runner in the licensing and regulation of midwives in the country. Our regulation set is very specific about our scope of practice and reflective of current evidence of care to protect the safety of families birthing in the home and birth center setting. Our midwifery community is consistently providing high-caliber, safe care to families and are practicing within the boundaries established by the regulations. Case reviews are outlined in 12AAC 14.900

Incident reporting - Sentinel events including emergency transport of the gestational parent or infant are required to be reported within 14 days of the incident with submission of the full chart for review
Annual Review - All midwives are required to furnish annual statistics to be reviewed. These statistics are reviewed and charts are randomly audited to provide oversight in the care provided

I was very involved in the last attempt to centralize licensing costs in 2017 and truly believe in the good financial sense this move would make for the State and the protection it would provide for smaller, specialty licensing boards. Our Association would wholeheartedly support this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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