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Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
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RE: Certified Nurse Midwife Regulations

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli:

As President of the Pennsylvania Medical Society, I am writing to express the Society's support of the State Board of Medicine's Certified Nurse Midwife regulations. These regulations reflect an intensive, cooperative effort between the Medical Board, the several nurse midwife organizations, the Hospital Association, the Medical Society, and the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. The language agreed upon by all parties and reflected in the final version is appropriate and will assure the protections needed for good patient care and patient safety.

On behalf of the Medical Society, I would like to specifically thank Bette Grey, RT, chair, and the members of the Medical Board's Committee on Health-Related Professionals, for their tireless efforts to ensure that these regulations reflect the appropriate relationship between nurse midwives and physicians. Again, the Society supports these final form regulations.

Sincerely,

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