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REVIEW COMMISSION

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Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
IRRC
14th Floor, 333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli:

The Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association (POMA) has reviewed the proposed changes to the State Board of Medicine's regulations regarding midwives (prescriptive privileges and collaborative agreements).

The POMA believes that the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine should have the same regulations described under "Nurse Midwife Prescriptive Authority" and the proposed changes to the "Licensure and Regulation of Midwife Activities" in the December 15, 2007, issue of the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* (pages 6539-6543).

Thank you for the opportunity to express our opinions regarding the State Board of Medicine's proposed changes. Your attention to this matters is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Kieren F. Knapp, D.O.
Co-chairman, Legislative Committee

c: P. Michael Sturla, Chairman, House Committee on Professional Licensure
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