

<https://www.change.org/p/protect-childbirth-options-for-alaskan-women-by-updating-midwifery-statutes>

The email families can send letters of support to is: [representative.jamie.allard@akleg.gov](mailto:representative.jamie.allard@akleg.gov)

Here is a template Rachel wrote up and is sending in as an email campaign to all her families:

Hello [Client Name],

I'm writing to you today because we are about to have a Midwifery Bill introduced on the State House and Senate floors and we need your help!

We need every voting age Alaskan to write a letter in support of this Midwifery Bill in order for it to pass.

What will this Bill do?

- Update title from CDM to LM (Licensed Midwife), so midwives are recognized by all major insurance plans, which will make birthing out of the hospital more affordable and available to more Alaskan families.
- Protect families from the medicalization of childbirth and disempowerment of women
- Increase access and utilization of out of hospital midwifery care services to more Alaskan Families.
- Enable Licensed Midwives to practice to their full scope of training and certification, which will help us attend more Alaskan women.
- The first major update to midwifery statutes in over 30 years.
- Update licensure requirements to National Standards.
- Require additional training and CEUs for midwives.
- Require preceptors to be Nationally Certified instead of State Certified.
- Retain and attract more Licensed Midwives. There should be an Alaskan midwife in every village, town, city, and community.
- Ensure autonomy for Licensed Midwives.
- Making home birth more affordable and available to more Alaskan families.
- Restructure State Midwifery Board by removing competitors. The OB and the APRN (Advanced Practice Registered Nurse) and replacing them with 2 more Licensed Midwives so we are a Board of our Peers.

If you would like to watch a video discussing this topic click here  
(<https://www.facebook.com/mary.yanagawa/videos/934011594451806>).

How you can help get this Bill passed...

- Write a letter of support
- Save it in your email drafts
- Wait for my next email with the Bill number and email addresses for the letter
- Be on the lookout for my next email

- Email your letter that day

I know it sounds crazy, but that is literally how fast this will happen but that is their system. Your letter will then be printed out and sent in a physical file with the Bill as it passes from committee to committee.

We need at least 500 letters of support, so yes, have your husband/partner, mom, dad, sister, brother, aunt, uncle, neighbor, best friends, all your Alaskan online friends, write their letter and get them ready to send.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Also, if you haven't signed the Bill petition yet, click here (<https://chnng.it/M9Bb4bd9VG>).

Thank you,  
Your Name