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Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee,

I am the chair of the Oregon section of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. I would like to voice support for HB 2930, which would mandate hospitals to adopt rules for granting admitting privileges for certified nurse midwives, giving them voting privileges on the medical staff, and prohibits a requirement for co-admission with a physician. Unfortunately, I cannot attend the hearing in person, and submit this testimony in writing.

The American College of Obstetricians (ACOG) and the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) developed a joint policy statement in 2011, which was reaffirmed in July 2014 (enclosed as an appendix). They conclude “Establishing and sustaining viable practices that can provide broad services to women requires that ob-gyns and CNMs have access to affordable professional liability insurance coverage, hospital privileges, equivalent reimbursement from private payers, and under government programs and support services including, but not limited to laboratory, obstetrical imaging, and anesthesia. to provide highest quality and seamless care, ob-gyns and CNMs should have access to a system of care that fosters collaboration among licensed, independent providers.

This law would increase access to maternity services at hospitals for Oregon families. This has the potential to improve the quality of life for women and children in our state.

Thank you for sponsoring this bill. Please feel free to contact me if further information would be helpful.

Yours truly,

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