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SENATOR MOORE TO DISCUSS HEALTH CARE REFORM AT THE ACNM 53RD ANNUAL MEETING & EXHIBIT

SILVER SPRING, MD – Senator Richard T. Moore will speak at the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) 53rd Annual Meeting & Exhibit on Sunday, May 25, 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston. As a member of the influential Joint Committee on Health Care Financing in the Massachusetts General Court, Senator Moore is constantly in the forefront of issues affecting the health of the people of Massachusetts.

Together with moderator Marion McCartney, CNM, FACNM, chair of the ACNM Presidential Task Force on Health Care Reform, Senator Moore will discuss strategies for improving health care outcomes. He will also discuss strategies for communicating effectively with state legislators in health care reform.

McCartney will share ACNM's plan for addressing some of the key issues facing women and their families. Pregnancy and childbirth are major drivers of rising health care costs in this country, and childbirth remains the number one reason for hospitalization in the U.S.

“This premier session will give attendees a chance to explore three areas of concern and the evidence based solutions that nurse-midwives offer,” says McCartney. “These solutions will provide better outcomes for mothers and babies at a lower cost to the health care system. Senator Moore will identify lessons learned when a state works to cover all of its citizens.”

McCartney will also discuss the rationale, evidence, and policy implications of ACNM's call for change in maternal and newborn care. For more information about the ACNM Presidential Task Force on Health Care Reform, visit http://www.midwife.org/healthcare_reform.cfm.

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With roots dating to 1929, the American College of Nurse-Midwives is the oldest women's health care association in the U.S. ACNM's mission is to promote the health and well-being of women and newborns within their families and communities through the development and support of the profession of midwifery as practiced by certified nurse-midwives and certified midwives. Midwives believe every individual has the right to safe, satisfying health care with respect for human dignity and cultural variations. More information about ACNM can be found at www.midwife.org.