(Date)

Dear (Supervisor):

To help provide (Facility/Employer) and our patients with the most current knowledge and skills in Midwifery, I would like to obtain support for membership to the American College of Nurse-Midwives, ACNM. Not only does the ACNM set the standard for midwifery, but also delivers a total package. ACNM provides cost-effective products and services, including opportunities for education and professional development. Patients, families, employers, and employees all benefit from new, evidence-based education and professional development.

Here are just a few of the ways in which ACNM supports professional development and enhanced knowledge and skills:

- Access to cutting-edge knowledge through publications-including subscriptions to the ***Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health***, Quickening, and Quick e-news.
- Templates for midwifery practice and marketing tools, position statements, consumer health care resources, and articles written by midwifery professionals.
- Discounted ACNM Annual Meeting registration fees, discounted fees for continuing education, and discounted ACNM publications such as *Getting Paid* and *Billing & Coding*.
- Free online listing of our practice on Find a Midwife, ACNM's free national referral service, which puts clients directly in touch with midwives. Free opportunity for client base expansion with practice listing in the Membership/Practice Directory.
- A significant discount for us to post job opportunities to MidwifeJobs.com, ACNM's professional recruiting job board.

Support for continuing education and professional development are drivers of health care providers' job satisfaction and have been identified as essential elements of recruiting and retaining reliable, competent workers. Midwives who derive high job satisfaction from a supportive and professional workplace environment are less likely to change jobs. Ongoing education and experience reduces a midwife's exposure to risk and better prepares her/him to make informed decisions that encompass a larger scope.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Sign Name]
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