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The Honorable Joseline Pena-Melnyk Chair, House Health and Government Operations Committee House Office Building, Room 241 6 Bladen St. Annapolis, MD 21401

HB838 - Health Occupations- Licensed Direct Entry Midwives - Revisions

Position: FAVORABLE

Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk and Members of the Committee:

Re: proposed strike of Section 8-6C-02 (b)(11)(ii) At the onset of active labor notifying the pediatric health care practitioner that delivery is imminent;

Knowing a mother is in labor does not improve my ability to care for their newborns.

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