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As the Lead Certified Nurse Midwife within the department of Gynecology, Obstetrics, Midwifery, and Reproductive Medicine at the University of Vermont Medical Center (UVMMC), I am writing in support of S.163.

I have worked at UVMMC for 33 years. The scope of practice, education, training and licensure of Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM) allows us to admit our patients, be responsible for their care, discharge the patients, and then follow up with them in an outpatient setting. S.163 would not change that, it would simply acknowledge in statute what these APRNs/CNMs are currently doing.

This change in legislation would also make data collection and outcome statistics easier to collect and will improve accuracy. The patient case load followed by an APRN would be linked to them directly, rather than an MD who might not be involved at all in the patient's care. It will relieve the burden of MDs having to co-sign admissions and discharges for patients they have not been involved in their care.

This change will not affect an APRN's scope of practice and reflects current practice. I am in full support of S.163.

Sincerely,
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