**Quick Tips**

* Perfection is not required to be effective. It’s normal to be nervous when you pick up the phone to call a legislator, especially if you’ve never done it before. The action is what counts and what makes a difference.
* If unable to speak directly with your representative, request to speak with a legislative aide who handles health care issues. They play a role in shaping policy and are responsible for relaying your message to legislators.
* If there are questions that you are unable to answer, don’t worry! Let us know by clicking on the feedback form so that we can follow-up with the office. The feedback form is located inside Capwiz, which will be linked from the action alert you will receive from ACNM on May 13. You can also contact ACNM Federal Lobbyist Patrick Cooney at (202) 347-0034 or [patrick@federalgrp.com](mailto:patrick@federalgrp.com).

**Introduction**

Use this script as a simple start to your call.

*Hello. My name is\_\_[insert your name]\_\_\_\_\_ and I’m a certified nurse-midwife/certified midwife/midwifery student from \_\_[insert your city and state]\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I am calling today to speak with the legislative aide who handles health care issues for Representative/Senator  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about 2 bills related to the health of moms and babies. Could you please connect me? Thanks.   
Hello. My name is \_\_\_[insert your name]\_\_\_\_ and I am a certified nurse-midwife/certified midwife/midwifery student from\_\_\_[insert your city and state]\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ practicing/teaching/studying at \_\_[insert your institution]\_\_\_. In honor of International Day of the Midwife and Mother’s Day, I am calling today to tell you about the vital role my profession plays in the lives of women and their families, and to ask your support for 2 bills that will improve the health of moms and babies in \_\_[insert your state]\_\_\_ and across the United States.*

**Talking Points**

In order to provide the most up-to-date information about the Moms for the 21st Century bill and the Quality Care for Moms and Babies bill, you will receive fresh talking points on May 13 in the e-mail action alert you receive from ACNM. If you are an ACNM member, you will automatically receive the alert. If you are not an ACNM member and would like to participate, please [sign up for action alerts here](http://capwiz.com/acnm/mlm/signup).

**Closing**

Use this script to wrap up your call and get the information you need to complete a quick follow up.

*Thank you for taking the time to speak with me today. Please keep me in mind as a resource should you have any future questions related to women’s health or the role of midwives. I’d like to send you a brief fact sheet about the high quality, cost-effective care midwives provide. May I have your e-mail address?*