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Katherine Camacho Carr, CNM, PhD, FACNM
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Dear Katherine:

It's my pleasure, on behalf of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, to provide you with this letter of support for the draft legislative language you shared with us on Thursday, February 1, which would provide equitable Medicare reimbursement for certified nurse-midwife services and provide coverage of certified midwife services.

It's important that we work together to strengthen and support collaborative ob-gyn/certified nurse-midwife practice arrangements, which benefit our patients in many ways.

Thank you again for the opportunity to review the legislative language and to continue our productive dialogue on issues of importance to our members and, most importantly, to our patients.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Laube', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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