



March 5, 2021

Dear Colorado Midwives Association Board,

We are in receipt of your letter from February 26th. We are relieved and grateful for your acknowledgement of the strain, missteps, and lack of attention to equity. It takes leadership and courage to make a statement like that and we are heartened. It is an act of accountability and healing. Thank you.

The original position CMA took this session reduced our opportunities, especially with regard to changing the wording for the regulation of midwives from registered to licensed. We are discouraged, but not giving up. We continue to believe this is vital for all DEMs and for BIPOC and rural families in particular.

We know some of you were worried about what that change would mean, and maybe still are. And we know that the threats from the medical lobby are scary. We want to help you feel confident in resisting their tactics, and we want to make sure everyone has their questions answered and concerns addressed. Please reach out to us directly, we are more than happy to talk anything through.

Our best hope is if we are banded together. We have a hearing next week. We need the CMA to explicitly state support of our amendment (to change the words registered to licensed), and we would love to coordinate our testimony to make sure we make undeniable arguments in support of direct-entry midwives and this bill.

We truly believe that we are stronger together and can do more together to strengthen and celebrate midwifery in Colorado. We enthusiastically look forward to more open avenues for communication and collaboration,

The Elephant Circle Team