**Testimony in Support of the 2026 CNM Credentialing Review from the Nebraska Board of Nursing**

Good morning – members of the Credentialing Review Committee:

My name is Gina Crudden, and I am testifying in support of the Credentialing Review application for the Certified Nurse Midwives in Nebraska. I am the APRN-CNS member of the Nebraska Board of Nursing and was selected to bring testimony from our Board in support of this endeavor.

As an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse in Nebraska, I support the move for full-practice authority for the Certified Nurse Midwives, which follows in line with other licensed Nebraska APRNs – the Nurse Practitioners and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, who already have full practice authority. This supports Nebraska's movement to adopt the APRN Consensus Model, which promotes uniformity in the regulation of APRN roles, licensure, accreditation, certification and education for all states in the US and better positions Nebraska to join the APRN Compact to enhance practice mobility across state borders.

I would also like to point out that based on the initiatives proposed in the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) for Nebraska, full practice authority for the APRN-CNM will provide for growth in the rural health workforce and expand much needed maternity care in maternity deserts in rural areas of the state. Clearly, the time is right to enhance the ability to practice the full scope of Certified Nurse Midwifery across the state in conjunction with the resources provided through the RHTP.

In closing, the Nebraska Board of Nursing supports full-practice authority for all APRNs based on advanced education and certification for their specific advanced nursing role. Certified Nurse Midwives exemplify this and are certainly well qualified for full-practice authority in Nebraska. We urge the committee to carefully review the evidence, consider the support and opportunities provided through the RHTP program, and support the change in practice authority for this group of Advanced Practice Nurse providers.

Are there any questions?

Thank you!

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