Hi,

I am writing because I feel very strongly that the midwifery profession needs to be regulated by a Midwifery Board, distinguishing between midwives and nurses.

Midwifery, whilst having some minimal crossover areas with nursing, is largely a very different area of health. Midwifery is very much concerned with women who are healthy, not sick. This creates a very different focus, and a very different set of needs for the vocation. A separate regulatory body that is run primarily by qualified midwives, for qualified midwives, will offer a level of support for pregnant women and practising midwives that they are not currently afforded. I believe this is very important, and I believe it will lead to increased support for childbirth practices that provide better outcomes for mother and child.

I ask that you give some serious time and thought to this issue, and find that a separate Midwifery Regulatory Board is the best solution for all concerned.

Warm regards,

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