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Subject: This is the URGENT message you need to convey!

"My name is Electra Leslie Hutchison,

I delivered with these midwives three times now (and will again in the future) and strongly support Carolina Community Maternity Center and their midwives. CCMC is located in Fort Mill, SC. At the end of this week, CCMC will be forced to close its doors due to the recent withdrawal of their DHEC-mandated consulting OBGYN and there will be 88 vulnerable, pregnant women left without a care provider. I would be Devastated if this were me. I would be totally lost and forced to make a choice I did not want all because of a situation of people that are completely removed from my situation feel they are qualified to make for me. This is NOT how America is supposed to operate.

Yesterday's resignation of DHEC Director Nominee Eleanor Kitzman and the quick turnover of their Directors in the past few years has given me little faith in DHEC's ability to handle this matter. There IS something you can do! In 2012, NC Governor Bev Purdue and the Midwifery Joint Committee of NC gave 7 midwives a 75 day grace period when the supervising physician they were required by law to have suddenly made himself unavailable. We now find ourselves in a similar situation and are asking that you grant our midwives a 90 day reprieve so that they are not forced to abandon their current patients.

Many local OBGYN practices will not accept new patients into their care once they are past 28 weeks and many family doctors will not care for pregnant patients past the first trimester. The women who planned to give birth at CCMC who are already at or past 28 weeks are at risk of being left without a care provider or any sense of safety or security. Imagine if this was you/your daughter/wife/sister/friend. This unjust situation aside, what about the fact that these families now have to try and create a whole new relationship with someone for a deeply personal situation. No pregnant mother should have to endure that type of stress ever, and definitely not because of some mandate again people that are completely removed from the situation are making FOR these mothers.

We are also expecting a birth center bill to be introduced to the State House very shortly, which we would love if you would support but without this 90-day reprieve, it will mean nothing to CCMC or the MANY families effected at this moment.

Thank you for your time and please, do the right thing here for these mothers, fathers, babies.

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Concerned parents and citizens,
Shane and Leslie Hutchison

*"We make a living by what we get,
We make a Life by what we give." Winston Churchill*