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Subject: Please protect vulnerable pregnant women at CCMC!

Dear Governor Haley

My name is Megan Argabrite, I delivered at Carolina Community Maternity Center and strongly support 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.

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. 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. Thank you for your time and please, do the right thing.

A very concerned mom,
Megan Argabrite