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The Honorable Richard D. Roth  
California State Senate  
1021 O Street, Suite 7510  
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### Re: SB 1440 (Roth) – Support Position

Dear Senator Roth:

During their meeting on May 19-20, 2022, the Medical Board of California (Board) adopted a Support position on SB 1440, which would make an important clarifying change to the Licensed Midwifery (LM) Practice Act of 1993.

The bill makes clear the Board's authority to refer quality-of-care complaints about a LM to the field for an investigation, even if we do not receive the information described in Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 2519.5. This conforms to the same process provided for comparable physician and surgeon complaints, as contained in BPC section 2220.08.

On behalf of the Board, thank you for addressing this matter.

Please contact Aaron Bone, Chief of Legislation and Public Affairs, at (916) 274-6251 or via email at [Aaron.Bone@mbc.ca.gov](mailto:Aaron.Bone@mbc.ca.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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