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**Constantino, Mike**

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**From:** Avery, Courtney  
**Sent:** Monday, January 14, 2013 2:43 PM  
**To:** Constantino, Mike  
**Subject:** FW: Letter of Support for PCC Community Wellness Center  
**Attachments:** Birth center letter.docx

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**From:** sabina dambrauskas [mailto:sabina31@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 14, 2013 10:17 AM  
**To:** Avery, Courtney  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for PCC Community Wellness Center

Hello - I understand you are the person to receive this attached letter of support for a birth center at PCC.

Thank you.

Sabina Dambrauskas CNM  
ACNM Illinois Affiliate President

To Whom It May Concern:

The American College of Nurse Midwives Illinois Affiliate, which represents all certified nurse midwives in the State of Illinois, wholeheartedly supports the establishment of a birth center at PCC Community Wellness Center. This organization has been proactive in comprehensive planning and organizing for the establishment of a potential birth center at their site.

The nurse midwives who work at PCC Community Wellness Center have a long history of community based practice and are well established with expertise and experience in all sorts of birth settings. They have been involved in many initiatives over the years to better patient and family care. Many of them have been in leadership positions and have won awards for their work in promoting forward thinking in the delivery of health care to the citizens of Illinois.

The entire Illinois Affiliate looks forward to the day when birth centers are a reality in Illinois. Birth centers have a long history of safety, cost effectiveness, and a promotion of family centeredness which provides stronger family bonding which benefits individuals, extended families, communities and ultimately all citizens. As the landscape of health care changes and becomes more efficient and evidence based, the establishment of birth centers will be among the innovations that recognize that birth and becoming a family are normal transitions in life and should begin in an atmosphere that promotes wellness and supports individuals and families.

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