

**Constituent support of bill S5007 / A8117, the Midwifery Modernization Act:
summary of an online petition**

I support evidence-based medical care. If you look at worldwide data, you will find that midwifery care is both less expensive and safer than hospital care for healthy pregnancies.

Alison Fromme—Ithaca, NY

Humanity would have long been extinct if pregnancy and childbirth required constant medical monitoring and interventions! Midwives provide the best model of care for women and newborns and it should be the norm not the exception for all women.

Nicole Smiros—Nanuet, NY

It would be appropriate to follow the recent decisions rendered by the states of Connecticut and New Jersey to repeal the written practice agreement in order to promote independent midwifery and choices in childbirth.

Leah Marinelli—Suffern, NY

I had my second baby with a Licensed Midwife in 1989, and it saved over \$8000 over the birth of my previous baby. We need to untie the hands of well trained midwives to achieve the cost savings we need in health care.

Catherine Genna—Woodhaven, NY

I was lucky enough to work with a midwife for the birth of my son. All pregnant women should have that option no matter their economic status or location in NY State and beyond. The current law in NY state makes it difficult for midwives to practice— please support the Midwifery Modernization Act!

Meema Spadola—Brooklyn, NY

I gave birth at home with the help of a professional, talented and respectful CNM. It was a wonderful experience that every woman should have the right to choose. Please remove the requirement that midwives work under a practice agreement with a doctor. In doing so you will make midwifery more accessible to women and lower the overall cost for prenatal care, labor and delivery.

Dana Carries—St. Albans, NY

I wholeheartedly support this act both in principle and from personal experience as a husband and a father. Both of my children births were attended by midwives. Both my wife and I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and service of nurse midwives. As a Registered Nurse I believe that midwifery needs to be encouraged and supported for the future of women, of health care and of our country.

Gregory Aidinov—Brooklyn, NY

Numerous midwifery practices have been closed (leaving consumers with out midwifery services) because of the flaw in this law. When this law is amended it will mean better health care for women in NYS! Thank you for consideration of this important amendment!

Julia Lange Kessler—Westtown, NY

Midwives are a professional entity that should not need a separate profession to sponsor them. I am a social worker, should a physical therapist need to oversee my work?

Susan Mc Nerney—Carmel, NY

Total signatures as of May 27th: 4,508

Signatures from 44 states and the District of Columbia

New York cities represented:

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Akwasasne	Brightwaters	Coram	Forest Hills	Holtsville	Mahopac	New York	Richmond Hill	Tonawanda
Albany Amityville	Bronx	Corning	Forestville	Homer	Malone	Newfield	Ridge	Troy
Amsterdam	Bronxville	Cortland	Franklin	Honeoye Falls	Malverne	Niskayuna	Ridgewood	Trumansburg
Andes	Brooklyn	Cortland Manor	Frankonia	Hoosick Falls	Mamaroneck	North Babylon	Ripley	Upper Nyack
Angola	Brooktondale	Cropseyville	Freeport	Hopewell Jct.	Manorville	North Tonaawanda	Riverdale	Valhalla
Annandale-on-	Brushton	Croton	Freeville	Hudson	Matville	Northport	Rochester Rockville	Valley Stream
Hudson	Buffalo	Croton-on-Hudson	Freeport	Hudson Falls	Maspath	Northville	Rocky Point	Verplanck
Aquebogue	Burdett	Cutchogue	Fulton	Huntington	Massapequa	Norwich	Ronkonkoma	Victor
Ardley	Byron	Darien Center	Gansevoort	Huntington Station	Massena	Nyack	Roosevelt Island	West Bloomfield
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Athens	Canaan	Delmar	Garrison	Interlaken	Mattituck	Oneonta	S. Huntington	Wantagh
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Averill Park	Carle Place	Downsville	Glen Oaks	Jackson Heights	Merrick	Ozone Park	Scarsdale	Wayland
Avon	Carmel	Dryden	Glendale	Jamaica	Middle Island	Patchogue	Schenectady	West Babylon
Babylon	Cato	East Patchogue	Goshen	Jamestown	Middle Village	Pearl River	Schuylerville	West Falls
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Batavia	Central Valley	East Islip	Greenwood Lake	KGH	Millbrook	Peru	Sherman	West Nyack
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Bayport	Chappaqua	East Northport	Halcott Center	Kingston	Mineola	Pine Bush	Shoreham	West Sayville
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Bohemia	Cold Spring	Fishkill	Herman	Loyd Harbor	Nesconset	Red Creek	Stony Point	
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