

Congratulations, it is a very good and comprehensive document. As a midwife, I see all the benefits of the extended scope due to being in a rural/semi-rural area. Also the most urgent problem is the hospital restrictions (limited privileges and reduced scope of practice) imposed on midwives due to their lack of decisional power within the hospital. At this point in time, the midwives of St. Lawrence Valley Midwives are planning to not offer plan hospital birth at one of the two hospitals in their catchment area due to very unsupportive relationships from physicians toward midwives. This issue needs to be solved and I consider it is the most urgent one of all. Thank you for all the work done in the submission paper. Céline