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To: South Dakota Right to Life

From: Ingrid Duran, State Legislative Director, National Right to Life Committee

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RE: Statement of Support for South Dakota H.B. 1127

National Right to Life (NRLC) supports H.B. 1127, which amends South Dakota's law governing licensed birthing centers in a manner that strengthens patient safety and continuing care for mothers and their unborn children. This legislation clarifies licensure requirements and ensures low-risk pregnancies are managed well in birthing centers. By modernizing birth center's regulations and emphasizing collaboration among licensed practitioners, this bill helps ensure that centers operate with safeguards that protect and prioritize the health and dignity of both the mother and her child. National Right to Life appreciates the South Dakota Legislature's and Representative Bethany Soye's commitment to policies that support access to prenatal care and protection of all human life at its most vulnerable stages.