

ACOG & the AMA want to Outlaw Home Birth!

We need **YOU** to help **STOP THEM**.

Stand Up for Home Birth! Educate Your Legislators



Citizens for Midwifery
has Developed a TOOLKIT to
Help You Learn How

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THE TOOLKIT INCLUDES:

- Important Information about the AMA & ACOG
- Suggested Talking Points
- Info about Contacting Your Legislator
- Resources to Help Educate Yourself
- Materials to Give Your Legislator

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Recent statements from both the American Medical Association (AMA) and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)

- claim the hospital is safest for birth,
- attack the training of Certified Professional Midwives, and
- deny that women and families have the right to decide where to give birth

The AMA has recently adopted “Resolution 205” to promote anti-home birth legislation and made this Issue #2 for their lobbyists!

These resolutions and position statements against home birth are not supported by any credible scientific evidence, but serve the interests of obstetricians and medical doctors over the needs and rights of women, babies, and families.

Both of these trade organizations have public credibility and well-financed lobbyists, so they have a lot of influence in government, insurance, and regulatory arenas.

Legislation and regulations that could effectively restrict access to home birth in one form or another would not be difficult for them to get through, even in states that already license CPMs.

WHAT YOU CAN DO!

The best defense is a good offense! Citizens for Midwifery asks that, as citizens, we stand up for home birth and healthy birth by reaching out to our legislators with:

- information about ACOG and the AMA (and their state chapters) that will help legislators understand their motivations and agendas,
- the scientific evidence about the safety of planned home birth with a trained midwife
- the facts about where the US birth outcomes stand compared to other developed countries
- demands that they support the human rights of women and families to decide where and with whom they will give birth

HOW YOU CAN GET STARTED!

We have assembled a comprehensive toolkit with details, suggestions, and ideas to help you educate your legislators and communicate these key ideas and important information.

Check it out at www.cfmidwifery.org!