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The American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) and the Consortium of Texas Certified Nurse-Midwives (CTCNM) are aware of the recent press release from the Texas Attorney General regarding the arrest of a licensed midwife following allegations of practicing outside the legal scope of a licensed midwife in Texas. While we do not have full details of the case, the seriousness of these allegations stresses the importance of adherence to legal and professional standards that guide midwifery practice in Texas. It is also important to emphasize that the presumption of innocence is a cornerstone to all criminal cases in our justice system.

While ACNM and CTCNM represent midwifery as practiced by Certified Nurse-Midwives in Texas, we maintain that upholding state law is a baseline for all licensed healthcare providers. Adhering to national standards of practice and state law is crucial for safe, ethical practice, and ensures public health and safety.

Midwives have a fiduciary responsibility to understand and adhere to the laws affecting their patients and practice. Our code of ethics mandates that we engage in a process of non-coercive, evidence-based informed consent, and shared decision-making. While we support policy solutions that ensure all people have access to the full range of preventative, reproductive, and sexual health services, Certified Nurse-Midwives and Certified Midwives certified by the American Midwifery Certification Board must adhere to the laws and regulations that govern their practice at the state level.