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The North Carolina Obstetrical and Gynecological Society (NCOGS) is pleased to offer its support of Ms. Venus Standard's request for support from The Duke Endowment. We applaud her project to expand and improve maternal care through a through a doula training program, and we are especially supportive of her goal of improving services for and in collaboration with underserved communities.

The NCOGS is the statewide professional association of obstetricians and gynecologists in North Carolina with a mission of improving women's health in our state through education, advocacy and engagement with stakeholders. We join those who have acknowledged and documented the benefit of doula support before, during and after birth, including the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the Society of Maternal and Fetal Medicine and the March of Dimes. We likewise see the role of doulas becoming increasingly important as our healthcare system continues to evolve into a team-based system of patient care.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer this letter of endorsement of Ms. Standard's request and her project to positively impact birth outcomes through doula training. Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to helping improve the lives of those we serve together.

Respectfully,

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