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Governor Earl Warren  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, California

Dear Governor Warren:

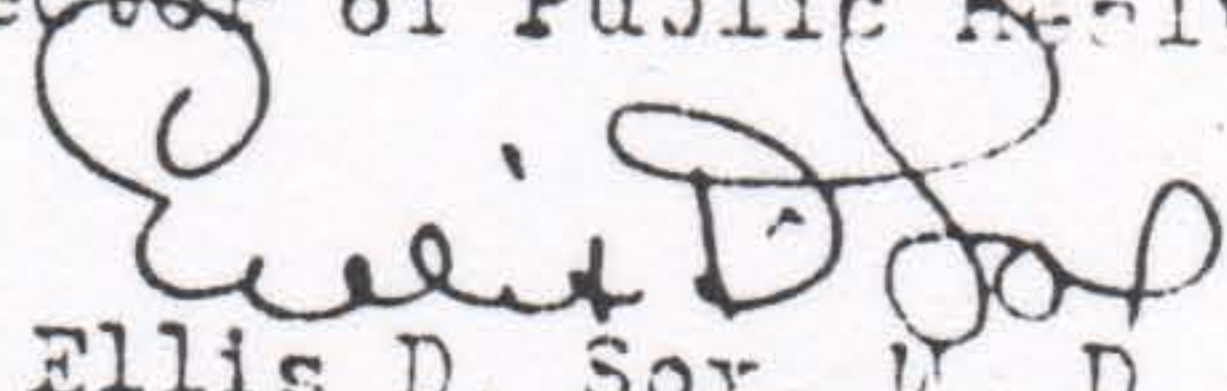
Senate Bill 966 proposes to eliminate the future licensing of midwives. Since Section 2140 is not involved, it would appear that those now practicing may continue to do so.

In 1946 only 456 of the 218,434 resident births were attended by midwives, a figure equivalent to .2% of all births. Since the problem, therefore, does not appear to be of great significance, I can see no particular reason for this legislation; on the other hand, I have no particular objection to it.

Very truly yours,

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