

October 31, 2024

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairwoman
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chairwoman
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Susan Collins
Vice Chair
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Johnson, Majority Leader Schumer, Leader Jeffries, Leader McConnell, Chairwoman Cole, Chairwoman Murray, Ranking Member DeLauro, and Vice Chair Collins,

As we approach the end of the 116th Congress, we, the undersigned 25 organizations committed to improving the health and well-being of our nation's families, strongly urge you to swiftly pass the bipartisan Preventing Maternal Deaths Reauthorization Act of 2023 (H.R. 3838/S. 2415) or include the bill in the final FY 2025 appropriations package or any other must-pass legislative package. The Preventing Maternal Deaths Reauthorization Act passed out of the Senate HELP Committee in the fall of 2023 and passed the House with overwhelming bipartisan support on March 5, 2024.

This legislation continues crucial federal support for the state-based maternal mortality review committees (MMRCs) that review pregnancy-related deaths to identify causes and make recommendations for the prevention of future mortalities. It is critical that Congress does everything in its power to address the maternal mortality crisis and work towards solutions to prevent future, unnecessary deaths, including swiftly passing the Preventing Maternal Deaths Reauthorization Act.

The maternal mortality crisis continues to worsen in the United States. In 2021, over 1,200 women died as a result of pregnancy or childbirth,

American Public Health Association
 APS Foundation of America, Inc
 Arkansas Birthing Project
 Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
 Association of Public Health Nurses
 Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
 Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
 Baby Cafe USA
 BIRTHING PROJECT USA
 Black Mamas Matter Alliance (BMMA)
 Caledonia Counseling
 California Chapter of Postpartum Support International
 Catholic Health Association of the United States
 Center for Law and Social Policy
 Center for Reproductive Rights
 Centering Healthcare Institute
 Child Welfare League of America
 Children's Defense Fund
 Children's Environmental Health Network
 Community Catalyst
 Cummings Graduate Institute for Behavioral Health Studies
 Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children (DEC)
 Every Mother Counts
 Families USA
 Family Voices National
 FASD United
 First Focus Campaign for Children
 Futures Without Violence
 GLO Preemies
 HealthConnect One
 Healthy Families America
 Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies, Coalition of Georgia
 Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies
 The Montana Coalition
 Healthy Teen Network
 HealthyWomen
 Hyperemesis Education and Research Foundation
 IDEA Infant and Toddler Coordinators Association (ITCA)
 Institute for Perinatal Quality Improvement
 Iowa ACEs 360
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March of Dimes
Mary's Center
Mass. PPD Fund
Maternal Mental Health Leadership Alliance
Mental Health America of Ohio
Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health
Moms Mental Health Initiative, Inc.
MomsRising
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems (NAPHSIS)
National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities
National Association of County and City Health Officials
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Birth Equity Collaborative
National Black Women's HIV/AIDS Network
National Blood Clot Alliance
National Coalition of STD Directors
National Collaborative for Infants & Toddlers
National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association (NFPRHA)
National Healthy Start Association
National Institute for Children's Health Quality
National League for Nursing
National Network of Public Health Institutes
National Nurse-Led Care Consortium
National Partnership for Women & Families
National WIC Association
NC MATTERS
Nemours Children's Health
NurseFamily Partnership
Organization of Teratology Information Specialists
Parents as Teachers
PCOS Challenge: The National Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Association
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Policy Center for Maternal Mental Health
Postpartum Support Center
Postpartum Support International
Postpartum Support Virginia
Power to Decide
PPROM Foundation
Preeclampsia Foundation
PREMIEWORLD FOUNDATION INC
Prevent Child Abuse Illinois
Prevention Institute

Reproductive Freedom for All (formerly NARAL-Choice America)
Shades of Blue Project
Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine
Society for Public Health Education
Society for Reproductive Investigation
Society for Women's Health Research
Spina Bifida Association
Start Early Illinois Policy
Tara Hansen Foundation
The 2 Degrees Foundation
The Children's Partnership
The Cooperative
The National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health
The Postpartum Adjustment Center
The Shane Foundation
The Tiny Miracles Foundation
United States Breastfeeding Committee
United States of Care
Water Signs Community Services
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