



Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act

Quotes in Support

1,000 Days, an initiative of FHI Solutions: 1,000 Days is proud to support this comprehensive, bipartisan Momnibus which aims to improve the physical and mental health of moms and birthing people in the United States and address the Black maternal health crisis. The MOMNIBUS takes a holistic, broad approach to addressing the social determinants of health, investing in data collection, growing and diversifying the health workforce, and combating implicit bias in healthcare settings. 1,000 Days looks forward to continuing to work with the Black Maternal Health Caucus and its members to ensure that all moms, regardless of their race, class or immigration status, can have a healthy first 1,000 days and beyond.

A Better Balance: Day after day, we get calls to our legal helpline from Black women who want to maintain their health and economic security during pregnancy and motherhood but face systemic racism and rampant inequality. These injustices must end. While Congress has taken critical steps to address Black maternal health by passing the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, PUMP Act, and Protecting Moms Who Serve Act, for example, there is far more to be done. Thanks to Rep. Underwood's, Rep. Adams', and Senator Booker's leadership, the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act of 2023 is the bold and multi-faceted solution this country urgently needs to help address the Black maternal health crisis head on. – Sarah Brafman, National Policy Director, A Better Balance

ACA Consumer Advocacy: We are proud to support this bill that addresses so many issues that need to be resolved to better support pregnant people across this nation and address the appalling rate of maternal death we experience daily. Health care reform requires us to address a wide range of social justice issues, many of which this bill looks to address. It's all connected.

American Academy of Family Physicians: Family physicians are trained to provide maternity care and primary care throughout a patient's lifespan – they are central and committed to improving maternal health outcomes, birth equity and ensuring birthing people get the care they need. The AAFP proudly supports the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act of 2023, which is an important step toward addressing the stark health disparities, bridging equity gaps, and strengthening high-quality access to care. - Tochi Iroku-Malize, MD, MPH, FAAFP, President, American Academy of Family Physicians



American Academy of Nursing: The American Academy of Nursing (Academy) strongly affirms our commitment to the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act. The persistent negative health outcomes pre-, during, and post-birth are shocking and unacceptable. The Academy, in partnership with the members of the Black Maternal Health Caucus, seeks to improve health and health equity by promoting policies, backed by nursing leaders, innovators, and scientists, that dismantle the racist components of our current maternal health care system. - Kenneth R. White PhD, AGACNP, ACHPN, FACHE, FAAN, President, American Academy of Medicine

American College of Nurse-Midwives: As providers of comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care, midwives must rise to the challenges surrounding access and health equity by educating ourselves about biases based on race, gender, sexual orientation, and other factors. Federal legislative efforts to change systems of oppression, like structural racism, that are a key risk factor for maternal death and illness in people of color, are critical steps that must be taken. The American College of Nurse-Midwives applauds the Black Maternal Health Caucus and the members of Congress engaged in efforts to address the appalling racial and ethnic disparities, racism, and biases in the delivery of, and access to, maternal health care in the United States. - Michelle L. Munroe, DNP, CNM, FACNM, FAAN, Interim CEO, American College of Nurse-Midwives

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention: AFSP is proud to endorse the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act, which would improve maternal mental health for Black women, address inequities, and help save lives of pregnant and postpartum individuals. We know Black women face barriers in accessing the care, support, and services needed to improve mental health and prevent suicide. AFSP commends the Black Maternal Mental Health Caucus for reintroducing this important legislation to address these issues and improve the country's maternal health care system. - Laurel Stine, J.D., M.A., Executive Vice President and Chief Policy Officer, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

American Nurses Association: The maternal mortality crisis in the United States demands action. More women die in childbirth here than in any other high-income country, with women of color suffering at much greater rates than their white counterparts. The substantial legislation within the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act will address the social determinants of health and health inequities that directly impact maternal health outcomes in America. Funding community organizations, bolstering telehealth solutions, deploying incentive payment models, and diversifying the perinatal workforce, which includes registered nurses and advanced practice



registered nurses, will help to end maternal health disparities. I want to thank all of the Members of Congress who have worked tirelessly on these important pieces of legislation, especially my fellow nurse Congresswoman Underwood, for your steadfast commitment to lifesaving change through policy. - Jennifer Mensik Kennedy, PhD, MBA, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, President, American Nurses Association

Ancient Song: The Momnibus Act is a comprehensive opportunity to address Black Maternal health disparities for Black and Brown women and birthing people. Ancient Song is proud to center its continued efforts to uplift solution-based responses to care.

Association of Black Cardiologists: Cardiac conditions, many of them preventable, are the leading cause of pregnancy-related deaths which disproportionately affect Black women. Black women are first Black girls, and many of the cardiovascular risk factors, such as obesity, start in youth and some cardiovascular risk factors start before birth based on the cardiovascular health of a woman at pregnancy. Breaking the cycle of maternal mortality in the United States requires the comprehensive approach of the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act. The ABC applauds Congresswoman Lauren Underwood, Congresswoman Alma Adams, Senator Cory Booker and members the Black Maternal Health Caucus for their ongoing leadership to address longstanding disparities of maternal health equity. - Anekwe Onwuanyi, MD, President, Association of Black Cardiologists (ABC)

Association of Black Women Physicians: Increasing maternal mortality rates in the United States over the past 3 years, with persistent disparities between Black and White mothers, amplifies the urgency of passing the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act. The Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act provides evidenced-based solutions and supports much needed research and evaluation programs designed to determine the efficacy and success of the interventions. Passing the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act gives voters access to programs with impact, credibility, and accountability. The Association of Black Women Physicians supports the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act. - Sylvia Swilley, MD, Association of Black Women Physicians

Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs: The Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP) commends Representative Underwood, Representative Adams, Senator Booker, and the Black Maternal Health Caucus on the reintroduction of the Black Maternal Health Momnibus. Recently released data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) showed that the number of pregnancy-related deaths in the United States continued an upward trend in 2021,



with over 1,205 deaths and Black women disproportionately impacted. This has got to change. As leaders in maternal and child public health, we know that there is not a singular magic policy solution that will solve the crisis of maternal mortality and morbidity or narrow the significant disparities that exist. We are grateful that this comprehensive package of bills can help us improve maternal health outcomes in all communities in the U.S., and we especially applaud the deliberate decision to ensure that the proposed approaches are inclusive of leadership from communities historically given insufficient resources in generating and implementing solutions. - Terrance Moore, CEO, Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs

Association of Physician Associates in Obstetrics and Gynecology: Obgyn PAs fully support the Momnibus legislation. PAs will increase access to quality medical care for birthing people nationally.

Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses: The Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses stands in full support of the bills in the Black Maternal Health Momnibus, recognizing their profound significance in addressing the urgent crisis of maternal health disparities that impact Black and Indigenous American women and birthing people. This comprehensive legislation empowers us to enact transformative change, ensuring that every woman and birthing person receives equitable and quality care throughout pregnancy and childbirth. By addressing systemic barriers, investing in culturally competent care, and prioritizing research and innovation, the Momnibus is a beacon of hope, paving the way for a future where Black and Indigenous American birthing people can experience pregnancy with dignity, compassion, and the highest standard of healthcare. Together, we will build a healthcare system that honors the lives of all birthing people, transcending the boundaries of race and delivering on the promise of health equity. - Jonathan Webb, MPH, MBA, CEO, AWHONN

Baby Cafe USA: Breastfeeding succeeds with a connected web of resources and support. Please pass the Momnibus in total, which address multiple crucial components.

Babyscripts: The latest data on maternal health outcomes shows a dire need for solutions for our mothers, especially women of color and underserved populations. The passage of the Momnibus Act is a critical step for advancing maternal health in the U.S. and ending decades of preventable deaths and outcome disparities.



Bayard Rustin Liberation Initiative: Black mothers' lives matter. Making this legislative package a reality will not only save lives but affirm the humanity of Black mothers.

Birthing Beautiful Communities: Birthing Beautiful Communities is proud to support the Momnibus Act. This bill is a strong start to better support and uplift the needs of pregnant and postpartum members of our Country. This bill is an important step to address the alarming racial disparities in pregnancy outcomes for Black women, who are more than three times as likely to die due to pregnancy-related causes in comparison to non-Hispanic white women.

Black Mothers Breastfeeding Association: Supporting the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act is a testament to one's commitment to the well-being and prosperity of our current and future generations. Black Mothers' Breastfeeding Association is happy to support the mental, physical, emotional and spiritual health of Black families in America.

Boston Medical Center: Boston Medical Center (BMC), through our Health Equity Accelerator, is committed to transforming healthcare to eliminate gaps in life expectancy and quality of life among different races and ethnicities, including by advancing maternal health equity. As a major birthing hospital that disproportionately serves communities of color, BMC enthusiastically supports re-introduction of the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act. We urge Congress to pass the Momnibus into law this session in order to provide the federal resources needed to turn the tide on America's black maternal health crisis. - Dr. Thea James, Vice President of Mission, Associate Chief Medical Officer, and Co-Executive Director, Health Equity Accelerator at Boston Medical Center

Breastfeed Durham: When it comes to maternal health, national politics play a tremendous role in the day-to-day lives of families. When we read this bill and see all the opportunities for expanded funding for community-based organizations, we know that this will make a tremendous difference in the lives of parents in our home town. Thank you.

Breastfeeding Family Friendly Communities: We work with mamas and babies every day. We have held too many friends in our arms and mourn the loss of a daughter, sister, wife, or a baby. Help us change health outcomes in this country.

Catholic Health Association of the United States: Providing compassionate care for mothers and babies has long been an integral part of the founding ministries of



Catholic health care, made up of women religious who were pioneers in the communities they served. We support key provisions in the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act as a necessary federal counterpart to our work at the community level. We thank Congresswoman Underwood and other members of the Black Maternal Health Caucus for reintroducing this important legislation to address the maternal health disparities faced by black women and other women of color. - Sr. Mary Haddad, RSM, President and CEO, Catholic Health Association of the United States

Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP): Our entire nation suffers from maternal mortality rates that dwarf those of every other wealthy country. This tragedy is driven in part by systems, institutions, and practices that cause Black mothers to die at extraordinary rates during pregnancy and labor. The Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act would comprehensively help meet the needs of people of color who give birth in this country. Policymakers should quickly advance and enact this evidence-based and life-saving legislation.

Center for Reproductive Rights: We applaud Congresswoman Lauren Underwood, Congresswoman Alma Adams, the members of the Black Maternal Health Caucus, and Senator Cory Booker on the introduction of the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act of 2023. The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the maternal health crisis in the United States, with Black, Indigenous, and Latinx moms and birthing people disproportionately experiencing increases in adverse birth outcomes. With the unwinding of the public health emergency, we must ensure that pregnant people, and the providers, midwives, doulas, and community birth workers who serve them, have the resources and funding they need to bridge gaps and meet this crucial moment. Congress must act now to pass the Momnibus and support pregnant people and their families. - Katherine Gillespie, Acting Director, U.S. Federal Policy & Advocacy, Center for Reproductive Rights

Christine Michel Carter: Cultural and racial biases in the healthcare system are increasing Black maternal mental health conditions. Unfortunately, the treatment these women receive is not, which is why I endorse the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act. As citizens of the United States of America, Black mothers inherently deserve culturally congruent care.

Cityblock Health: Cityblock Health is proud to endorse the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Bill. We are a value-based primary care organization and these bills recognize that radically different care starts by addressing a person's holistic health



needs, including social determinants of a family's health. Alternative payment model demonstration projects are critical to support community models seeking to shift how care is delivered to pregnant and birthing people across the nation and drive value so that pregnant people can equitably thrive.

Diversity Uplifts, Inc.: The Diversity Uplifts, Inc. team is a proud organizational supporter of the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act!

Dr. Shalon's MAP: All women deserve the joy of childbirth instead of the fear. The Momnibus Bill ensures respectable care for all women. Dr. Shalon's Maternal Action Project is proud to support the Momnibus Bill.

EcoMadres: EcoMadres is proud to support the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act, which comprehensively addresses the travesty that is the Black maternal health crisis in the United States. This legislation is noteworthy for its focus on preventing Black maternal health disparities and mortality as a matter of urgent national priority. It is also imperative that we recognize the growing and unmet needs that families face during extreme weather events, heat waves and other climate-related impacts which imperil the health of Black moms and their babies. This legislation presents a robust approach to confronting policy gaps— all while reaffirming that Black moms' voices, lived experiences, and mental health matter. We applaud this concerted effort to address the social determinants of maternal health, provide funding to advance maternal health equity; and increase outreach and representative community engagement. These measures will advance improved maternal and infant health outcomes, and we urge their swift passage. - Liz Hurtado, National Field Manager, EcoMadres

Every Mother Counts: Never before has there been such widespread recognition of the devastating impact of racial disparities in maternal health in the United States. Every Mother Counts is proud to support the work of the Black Maternal Health Caucus in ensuring that mothers, birthing people, and families have access to respectful, quality, and equitable maternity care. We are grateful for the reintroduction of the Black Maternal Health Momnibus, which uplifts solutions that move us closer towards maternal health equity. - Christy Turlington Burns, Founder and President of Every Mother Counts

Families USA: Families USA is proud to endorse the reintroduction of the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act. This package aims to address the ongoing maternal health crisis holistically, by looking beyond a simple band aid approach, and making impactful investments in families and communities. Our maternal health outcomes



continue to decline across states, making it more important now than ever that Congress takes action to improve the overall health of all women and birthing people. - Ben Anderson, Director, Maternal and Child Health Initiatives, Families USA

First Focus Campaign for Children: It is simply unacceptable that the United States has the highest pregnancy-related death rate in the developed world. Even more disturbing is the fact that the maternal mortality rate is many times higher among Black women and other women of color. Congress must pass all 13 bills of the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act without delay. - Bruce Lesley, President, First Focus Campaign for Children

GA Maternal Fetal Health Alliance: The GA Maternal Fetal Health continues to support the Momnibus Act and believes health equity surrounding this crisis needs to be addressed especially by the leaders in healthcare. Our organization will continue to help dismantle systematic racism in healthcare and provide women with doula care.

Glow Birth & Body and The Birth Deck: America's preventable maternal health disparities are an embarrassment and a travesty. We must all come together and support one another to make change - what helps one of us, helps us all.

Hackensack Meridian Health: Hackensack Meridian Health is proud to stand with Representatives Underwood and Adams, Senator Booker, and members of the Black Maternal Health Caucus in supporting the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act. Our network is dedicated to building healthier communities for all New Jerseyans. This vital legislation gets us closer to achieving that goal by improving maternal health, particularly among racial and ethnic minority groups, veterans, and other vulnerable populations. - Robert C. Garrett, FACHE, CEO, Hackensack Meridian Health

Health Tech for Medicaid: As an organization dedicated to improving health equity for vulnerable populations, Health Tech for Medicaid fully supports the Momnibus legislation. By addressing maternal health disparities and improving access to care for Black and Brown women, this bill is a critical step towards ensuring that all mothers and babies have the opportunity to thrive. We applaud the efforts of those leading the charge for the Momnibus and encourage lawmakers to pass this crucial piece of legislation.

HealthConnect One: "We are thrilled to see the Momnibus Act move forward as a critical step towards addressing the Black maternal health crisis in the United States. By passing this package, Congress has the opportunity to create joy for birthing



families and reduce disparities in maternal health outcomes. HealthConnect One is committed to working with Congress to ensure the passage of this transformative legislation." - Zainab Sulaiman

HealthyWomen: HealthyWomen is proud to support the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act of 2023. This Act seeks to address the critical needs and challenges facing too many moms in our country. As the richest nation in the world, the United States should not have the highest maternal mortality rate in the world, particularly among Black moms. HealthyWomen believes that through the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act of 2023 we can address the root causes that influence maternal health outcomes and provide critical investment to improve quality of care, save lives and end racial and ethnic disparities in maternal health outcomes.

HIMSS: Addressing the maternal mortality crisis is a top priority for HIMSS and our members, and we applaud the reintroduction of the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act. The Momnibus makes critical investments utilizing health IT and data in maternal health and will be instrumental in advancing health equity and addressing disparities. We thank Congresswoman Underwood, Congresswoman Adams, Senator Booker, and the Black Maternal Health Caucus for their continued leadership and commitment to improving maternal health outcomes in this country. - Tom Leary, Senior Vice President and Head of Government Relations, HIMSS

Living Well Black: Living Well Black supports the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act because it provides for critical funding, resources, and data needed to address the heartbreaking disparities in maternal mortality and birth outcomes affecting Black mothers and Black families.

March for Moms: March for Moms strongly endorses the efforts to address Black maternal health in the U.S. with the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act. Our families deserve better and now is the time to act!

March of Dimes: We commend the Black Maternal Health Caucus Co-founders and Co-Chairs, Representatives Underwood and Adams, as well as Senator Booker for spearheading the reintroduction the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act. This comprehensive legislation would address the health disparities facing Black mothers. The Momnibus would take important steps to improve data collection processes and quality measures, enhance and diversify the perinatal workforce, promote maternal vaccinations, and increase access to maternal health care in underserved communities. Black women are dying at higher rates than all other races, which is unacceptable. More than 80% of maternal deaths are preventable. Now is the time to



enact policies that will eliminate disparities and improve health outcomes for women and babies of color. – Stacey Y. Brayboy, Sr. Vice President, Public Policy & Government Affairs, March of Dimes

Mary Amelia Center for Women's Health Equity Research: As an academic research center that seeks to identify and disrupt barriers to health for women and their communities, the Mary Amelia Center for Women's Health Equity Research at Tulane University is proud to endorse the reintroduction of the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act! The suite of bills included in the Momnibus are backed by rigorous scientific evidence of their potential to reverse alarming trends in maternal health outcomes and reduce shameful inequities in maternal and child health. This legislation is urgently needed to support and protect the health of mothers in our home state of Louisiana and across the U.S.

Maternal Mental Health Leadership Alliance: Too many mothers in the United States are dying during and following pregnancy. We must do MORE to ensure that pregnant and postpartum people get the care they need and deserve. Thank you to Representatives Adams and Underwood, and Senator Booker, and the Black Maternal Health Caucus for continuing to keep issues of maternal mortality front and center.

Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health: Partners in Michigan are excited to support the updated MOMNIBUS package. The funding, resources and programmatic changes will fuel our determined efforts to address workforce, data, program eligibility and other challenges and reach our ultimate goal of eradicating racial disparities in maternal and infant health outcomes.

Momma's Village Fayetteville: It is easy for everyone to support these bills because Black Maternal Health is Nonpartisan!

Moms Clean Air Force: At Moms Clean Air Force, we reaffirm our strong support for the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act. This important legislation prioritizes the health of Black mothers and also recognizes the serious health threats associated with our changing climate on the U. S. Black maternal health crisis. We applaud Representatives Underwood and Adams, Senator Booker, and members of the Black Maternal Health Caucus for keeping the momentum around the 13 bills that form the "Momnibus" going strong—and for keeping these issues in front of the public. Now—as in the past—we are urging members of Congress to address the preventable maternal health crisis in this country that disproportionately affects Black mothers and their babies. It is critical that Black women receive necessary, respectful, culturally



competent health care before, during, and well after pregnancy. - Almeta E. Cooper, National Manager, Health Equity, Moms Clean Air Force

MomsRising: It is shameful that the United States is the most dangerous place to give birth in the developed world, with Black women much more likely to lose their lives in childbirth than white women - and appalling that the problem is getting worse, not better. Passage of the Black Maternal Health Momnibus should be a top priority for Congress. We thank the bill's sponsors and urge leaders in both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate to bring it up for a vote right away. America's moms want solutions to our maternal health crisis now. - Monifa Bandele, Chief Strategy Officer, MomsRising

Mothering Justice: Mothering Justice is looking forward to the updates around the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act. The Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act provides opportunities to improve the health and well-being of Black Mothers and infants across the United States.

National Association of Certified Professional Midwives (NACPM): Rarely do we see legislation where the authors have clearly listened to the community, activists and researchers. These bills go beyond simplistic solutions that ignore the true origins of maternal mortality and the unconscionable burden borne by Black families and addresses the social determinants of health. Congresswoman Lauren Underwood and the members of the Black Maternal Health Caucus, for the first time in history, are addressing the system of care that has failed many BIPOC birthing people with a comprehensive approach that includes physicians, midwives, nurses, doulas, social workers, childcare providers, transportation workers, public health workers and others. They challenge us all to surround the pregnant and postpartum family with the respectful quality care they deserve and need.

National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health: The Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act is a vital piece of legislation that will help address the maternal health crisis in the United States. This complex and interconnected crisis cannot be solved by focusing on one single element of maternal health. We need to make significant investments across all social determinants of health. As Women's Health Nurse Practitioners, we understand the critical role we play in the perinatal workforce and in the provision of maternal healthcare before, during, between, and after pregnancy. We applaud the efforts of sponsors - Representatives Lauren Underwood & Alma Adams Senator Cory Booker - and will continue to support initiatives that promote maternal health and wellbeing. - Dr. Shawana Moore, President, National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health



National Health Law Program: The National Health Law Program is proud to support the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act. Intersecting systems of oppression, including white supremacy and sexism, fuel our nation's Black maternal health crisis – the worst among similarly economically situated countries. The Momnibus takes aim at inequities and racism in our health care delivery system, work to expand access to programs that positively impact maternal health outcomes, and make critical investments in social and structural determinants of maternal health.

National Medical Association: The National Medical Association wholeheartedly supports the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act. This act is consistent with our mission - to promote health and wellness, eliminate health disparities and sustain physician viability. The maternal mortality crisis in this country needs bold, comprehensive, multifaceted legislation like the Momnibus Act if we are serious about reducing the mortality and morbidity experienced by birthing people in this country, especially Black birthing people. Therefore, Congress needs to pass and execute this Act without hesitation. -Garfield Clunie, M.D., President, National Medical Association

National Medical Fellowships, Inc.: National Medical Fellowships strongly endorses the passage of the Momnibus Act. The state of maternal mortality in the US is an outrage and the disparity impacting Black women creates an urgency for us all. The Momnibus Act must be passed NOW!

National Organization for Women - Hollywood Chapter: This country needs to grow and diversify the perinatal workforce to ensure that every mom in America receives culturally congruent maternity care. The Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act would do that and more -- and that's why Hollywood NOW urges Congress to pass it!

National Organization for Women: It is a national tragedy in this richest nation in the world that we are not able to assure healthy outcomes for Black women, Latinas, and indigenous women giving birth. We have known for years that their maternal mortality and morbidity rates – especially for Black women – are disproportionately high. We also know that states that limit access to reproductive healthcare have the poorest maternal health outcomes for Black mothers. The Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act of 2023 is critical to dismantling systems of oppression that have led us to this point by ensuring that critical healthcare resources are provided. NOW President Christian F. Nunes urges that we must act now to ensure that every mother, regardless of race, has access to the care and support needed to thrive. - Christian F. Nunes, President, National Organization for Women



National Partnership for Women & Families: We are in a maternal health crisis, exacerbated by a pandemic and deepened by systemic racism. Black and brown women and birthing people bear the inequitable brunt of maternal mortality and morbidity rates. The Momnibus legislation crafted by Representatives Underwood and Adams and the Black Maternal Health Caucus, contains powerful tools to reverse the tragedy of maternal health inequity, with the collective support of patients, advocates, birth workers, and Black birthing people themselves. We're proud to join them in calling for Momnibus' passage again. - Venicia Gray, Senior Manager for Maternal and Infant Health, National Partnership for Women & Families

National Rural Health Association: The National Rural Health Association (NRHA) applauds Representative Underwood, Senator Booker, and the Black Maternal Health Caucus for introducing the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act. Women in the United States have the highest maternal mortality rate compared to other high-income countries, and none are more affected than Black and indigenous women living in rural communities. This omnibus package includes historic investments in workforce training and capacity as well as telemedicine technology to address the intersections of racial, ethnic, and geographic inequities. Due to workforce shortages and OB unit closures, nearly half of all rural counties double as a maternity care desert. Passing this legislation is a top priority for NRHA as it will help to reverse the current trend of pregnancy and child-birth related deaths in the United States. - Alan Morgan, Chief Executive Officer, National Rural Health Association

National WIC Association: It is unconscionable that Black and Indigenous moms are dying at two-to-three times the rate of white moms. The National WIC Association proudly supports the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act, a groundbreaking legislative effort to address the shameful racial disparities that plague maternal health in the United States. The Momnibus targets the root causes of maternal health disparities by improving access to care, community support and workforce diversity. If passed, it would not only prioritize the well-being of mothers and expand critical WIC services, but also lay the foundation for a safer and healthier future for all mothers. - Dr. Jamila Taylor, President & CEO, National WIC Association

National Women's Health Network: The National Women's Health Network applauds Representative Underwood, Senator Booker and the Black Maternal Health Caucus for introducing the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act. The United States has one of the highest maternal mortality rates among high-income countries, and Black women are at the center of this crisis. Due to systemic racism and structural barriers, Black women are three-four times more likely to die in childbirth than their



white counterparts. Poor maternal health outcomes are especially prevalent among Black and indigenous women living in rural areas, due to obstetric unit closures. This bill makes important investments to expand and diversify our perinatal workforce and increases access to telemedicine technology for women in geographically isolated areas. The Network urges Congress to pass this historic bill to improve maternal health outcomes and save the lives of Black and women and their babies.

Nurses for America: As nurses, we witness every day the injustice in health care settings across the continuum of care resulting in the tragic disparity in maternal health outcomes and the disproportionate mortality rate among Black Americans. We recognize that whether a Democrat or a Republican we all want the best healthcare for our pregnant loved ones - our mothers, daughters, sisters, partners, and friends.

Once Upon A Preemie, Inc: Once Upon A Preemie, Inc urges Congress to act now by enacting Momnibus. These comprehensive policy solutions are centering the needs of Black Mothers and Premature Infants. Let's work together to combat these disparities by creating equitable Maternal and Infant healthcare solutions for all birthing women and preemie families.

Partners in Health: The United States maternal mortality rate is a grim outlier among high-income countries, and Black women are three times more likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause than white women. Investments in Black maternal health are critical to addressing racial inequities in health outcomes, advancing maternal health equity, and building robust, community-led health systems. Partners In Health strongly supports the Black Maternal Health Momnibus and urges Congress to pass it without delay. - Dr. Sheila Davis, CEO, Partners In Health

Planned Parenthood Action Fund: Planned Parenthood applauds the reintroduction of this crucial legislation to comprehensively address the maternal mortality crisis in the United States. Systemic racism in health care disproportionately impacts Black women and communities, too often with devastating and preventable consequences. Since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, this crisis has only heightened across the country, as politicians hostile to our rights have put essential health care out of reach for millions. Congress must act now to pass these urgently-needed policies to improve maternal health, advance equity, and support Black mothers, our families, and our communities. - Alexis McGill Johnson, President, Planned Parenthood Action Fund

Poppy Seed Health: We are proud to support the Momnibus led by Representatives Underwood and Adams in the House, Senator Booker in the Senate, and members of



the Black Maternal Health Caucus. At Poppy Seed Health, we believe that every birthing person and family deserve equitable access to the best care and that emotional and mental health support is a critical part of the solution in saving lives. We look forward to seeing the Momnibus passed unanimously as a bipartisan bill that will create seismic generational change for all families.

Postpartum Support International: Postpartum Support International proudly supports the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act because it will save moms' lives, end racial and ethnic maternal health disparities, invest in maternal mental health, and advance birth equity across the United States. Importantly, we support every eligible provision of the Momnibus Act and permanent yearlong postpartum Medicaid coverage and urge inclusion of those provisions. - Wendy Davis, Executive Director, Postpartum Support International

Preeclampsia Foundation: The crisis, at the center of the U.S. maternal health crisis, is that black women have worse outcomes and are more likely to die as a result of a maternal health complication, and this must stop. These women are not statistics, they are our daughters, sisters, wives and friends, and as a patient advocacy organization, we are so pleased to see the patient voice is represented throughout the Mominbus legislation in an effort to solve this crisis. - Eleni Tsigas, President & CEO, Preeclampsia Foundation

Pregnancy Justice: Pregnancy Justice fervently supports Representative Lauren Underwood and Senator Cory Booker's Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act as it will ensure a reliable funding stream for the research of maternal health in our country, which has the worst outcomes among developed nations. For over 20 years, we have fought against criminal responses to public health issues, especially for pregnant people, in part because they contribute to worse outcomes for maternal health and morbidity. This bill promises actionable improvements in the standard of care pregnant and postpartum people receive from law enforcement bodies. We believe that healthcare is a human right for everyone, including people with the capacity for pregnancy, and we know that improving maternal health outcomes requires eliminating structural discrimination and medical racism. This bill is one crucial step in the laborious fight to save and improve lives for all people with the capacity for pregnancy - particularly for Black and indigenous people, who are disproportionately impacted by our rampant maternal health crisis.

Protect Our Care: It is unacceptable that the United States loses more moms to preventable pregnancy-related deaths than any other high-income country, and this problem has only worsened over the past 30 years. This tragedy disproportionately



befalls Black, Indigenous, and rural families. The Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act is essential legislation that addresses health and other leading causes of poor maternal health, and it will save lives and help end the maternal health crisis. Protect Our Care commends Representatives Underwood and Adams and Senator Booker for their tireless leadership to improve the pregnancy, birthing, and postpartum experience in America. Congress should pass this legislation without delay.

Reach Healthcare: Passing the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act is not just about improving maternal health outcomes, it is about addressing systemic issues that disproportionately impact marginalized communities. It is about acknowledging that every mother deserves access to quality care and support throughout their pregnancy and beyond. This legislation is a necessary step towards creating a more just and equitable society where every mother can thrive.

riskLD: riskLD is pleased to support this transformative package of legislation and, in particular, the Tech to Save Moms Act to improve access to cutting edge technologies at the point-of-care on Labor & Delivery!

Sister to Sister International: Sister to Sister International endorses the full package of Momnibus bills. They will be a tremendous help to supporting our Black Maternal & Child Center of Excellence.

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine: All pregnant and postpartum people should have access to quality healthcare, community-based programs, social supports, and resources to help them thrive. On behalf of the nation's experts in high-risk pregnancy, SMFM thanks Representatives Underwood and Adams and Senator Booker for prioritizing programs aimed at eliminating unacceptable disparities in pregnancy outcomes, particularly for Black women, and stands ready to help advance the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act, which will save lives and advance birth equity. - Christina Wurster, Chief Executive Officer, Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM)

Sojourners: Black women and babies are dying at an alarming and disproportionate rate because of historical and systemic racism that remains present in our health care and maternal care systems. These disparities and injustices break the heart of God. Scripture is very clear when it tells us, "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together" (1 Corinthians 12:26). Through the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act, we can course correct the current gap and injustices in our maternal, newborn, and child health care system. The legislation, which would support states and localities in addressing this crisis, would adopt a



comprehensive, evidence-based approach to creating maternal equity for Black mothers and their children. The bill would also improve the workforce and address maternal rural health issues, which would strengthen our economy and country as a whole. Our faith calls on us to ensure that all can live abundantly and thrive, not just a select few (John 10:10). We must not sit idly by and allow this maternal health crisis to continue. - Rev. Adam Taylor, President, Sojourners

The Children's Partnership: The Children's Partnership, a children's advocacy organization dedicated to advancing child health equity through public policy, research and community engagement, supports all bills included in the Momnibus. We recognize systemic racism plays a persistent role in shaping maternal and infant health and well-being in Black communities. Racism impacts every stage of a child's development, by shaping the conditions in which they live, develop, learn and play. Recommendations around health equity need to include deferring to Black communities, with a specific recommendation to increase flexibility for the use of community evidence practices designed, tested and implemented by the Black community.

The Collaborative: The Collaborative stands ready to work with the Black Maternal Health Caucus to bring an end to this crisis for Black families. For too long, too many of us have been underserved by a system that does not value our lives. Mamas are entitled to a respectful, autonomous and dignified birthing process. It's time for Congress to meaningfully address the root cause of the ongoing maternal & infant health crisis: racism. The Momnibus will advance birth equity by tackling systemic racism and bias, so that our communities have the opportunity to experience the full spectrum of joy and justice. - Carmen Green, VP of Research & Strategy, The Collaborative

The MATCH Coalition: The MATCH Coalition applauds the reintroduction of the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act and thanks the sponsors for tireless efforts to address the maternal mortality crisis in this country. A worsening healthcare workforce shortage has created a number of barriers to accessing comprehensive prenatal and postpartum care, making investments in digital health technology even more critical to improving maternal health outcomes. We look forward to working with you to ensure the safe, accessible, affordable, and equitable adoption of these tools by patients and providers and support successful pregnancies.

The Root Cause Coalition: The Root Cause Coalition is proud to support the Black Maternal Health Momnibus, which takes critical steps to address racial and ethnic inequities in maternal health outcomes, especially among Black moms. We applaud



this package for acknowledging systemic racism and other underlying social determinants of health as the root causes of this maternal health crisis. We support the full range of measures in the Momnibus that address not only Black maternal mortality but also seek to advance maternal health equity overall. - Barbara Petee, President, The Root Cause Coalition

Third Way: Our health care system is failing Black mothers. Black moms and babies see significantly higher rates of illness and death than their white counterparts, and it's time Congress act to end this maternal mortality crisis. The Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act would address disparities in access to care, quality of care, and health outcomes for mothers. Third Way is proud to endorse this comprehensive and vital piece of legislation.

U.S. Breastfeeding Committee: Human lactation is an essential, yet often overlooked, aspect of maternal and child health. Due to longstanding policy gaps and underfunding of public health initiatives that address the needs of lactating parents and the providers that serve them, the United States consistently falls short of the Healthy People breastfeeding goals. Black, indigenous, and other communities that have been oppressed and made marginal experience disproportionately poor maternal and child health outcomes, including lower-than-average breastfeeding rates. We can and must do better. The Black Maternal Health Momnibus centers equity and calls for critical social investments and policy changes that will advance infant nutrition security and make breastfeeding a realistic option for more families. The U.S. Breastfeeding Committee thanks Representatives Lauren Underwood and Alma Adams and Senator Cory Booker for their leadership on this important legislation. - Nikia Sankofa, Executive Director, U.S. Breastfeeding Committee

University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing: These bills - individually and collectively - are what is needed to support the health and well-being of women in the U.S.

Urban Mommy Inc: These life changing bills are going to change our society and save the lives of so many underrepresented mothers. We are proud to be supporters.

What to Expect Project: It takes a village to raise a child - but first we must deliver a healthy child to a healthy mom, and that takes all of us. Tragically, we are collectively failing. As the wealthiest nation in the world, the U.S. should also be the safest to be pregnant and give birth - yet we are consistently among the least safe. A mom in the U.S. is more likely to die or suffer lifelong health complications than a mom in any other developed nation, and far more likely still if she is Black, American



Indian/Alaska Native, and/or living in a maternity care desert. Every maternal death is heartbreaking, but every preventable death (as over 80% are) should be considered unacceptable. As the foundation of all health - including economic health - it's time to make maternal health the national priority it should be. That's why the What to Expect Project and I are proud to endorse the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act, an essential, actionable and proactive step forward in reducing maternal mortality and morbidity. With growing restrictions and shrinking access to care all women need, the challenges are greater than ever-but so is the urgency of our collective responsibility to deliver that care, without the exceptions or disparities that allow too many moms to fall through the cracks of maternal healthcare. We're grateful for the passionate leadership and tireless efforts and commitment from Representatives Underwood and Adams, Senator Booker, and the Black Maternal Health Caucus on behalf of all our moms." - Heidi Murkoff, author of What to Expect When You're Expecting and founder of the What to Expect Project

ZERO TO THREE: ZERO TO THREE is grateful to Representatives Underwood and Adams for their leadership in addressing the appalling maternal health crisis in the United States that disproportionately impacts Black mothers. The Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act takes a comprehensive approach to address the drivers of maternal wellbeing and infant health, and should be at the top of the legislative agenda. - Miriam Calderon, Chief Policy Officer, ZERO TO THREE