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The Honorable Alex Padilla
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The Honorable Laphonza Butler
112 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Doris Matsui
2311 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ami Bera
172 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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1032 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 3305 and S. 1606 *Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act.* - Support

Dear Representatives and Senators:

On behalf of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, I write in support of the *Black Maternal Health Momnibus* (H.R. 3305/S. 1606). Sacramento County has focused on reducing African-American child deaths over the past several years, with success, and it remains a priority.

The United States ranks #1 for maternal mortality among developed countries and is alarmingly high among black mothers. This legislation prioritizes maternal mental health and other social determinants of health that affect maternal health outcomes. This includes:

- Establish grant programs related to maternal mental health services.
- Support for substance use disorders.
- Expansion of WIC eligibility to provide safe and affordable housing for pregnant and postpartum families.
- Coordination with community-based organizations to provide necessities such as formula and diapers, etc.
- Improve data collection and research focused on disparities in health care to promote equity.

This legislation is a critical step towards saving lives, ending disparities in health care and outcomes, and ensuring our health care system treats all moms with the care and dignity they deserve regardless of their race or circumstance. As many as 80% of maternal deaths are preventable with proper care and treatment. *The Momnibus* makes over \$1 billion in historic investments in the health and care of moms.

August 5, 2024

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For these reasons, Sacramento County proudly supports H.R. 3305 and S. 1606. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 874-4627 or deborde@saccounty.gov.

Sincerely,



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cc: Sacramento County Delegation
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Michael Galano, Holland & Knight