



July 27, 2021

The Honorable Cory Booker
U.S. Senate
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Alma Adams
U.S. House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Lauren Underwood
U.S. House of Representatives
1130 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Booker and Representatives Underwood and Adams,

The National Alliance to Impact the Social Determinants of Health (NASDOH) writes to express support for the package of bills intended to improve Black maternal health outcomes, including your bills [S.346 / H.R.959](#) – The Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act of 2021, which would direct multi-agency efforts to improve maternal health, particularly among racial and ethnic minority groups, veterans, and other vulnerable populations, and address issues of maternal health related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The National Alliance to Impact the Social Determinants of Health ([NASDOH](#)) is a group of stakeholders working to systematically and pragmatically build a common understanding of the importance of addressing social needs as part of an overall approach to health improvement and economic vitality of families and communities. The Alliance brings together health care, public health and social services expertise, local community experience, community-convening competence, business and financial insight, technology innovation, data and analytics competencies, and policy and advocacy acumen to assess and address current regulatory frameworks, funding environments and opportunities, and practical challenges to implementing and sustaining social determinants of health efforts. We seek to make a material improvement in the health of individuals and communities and, through multi-sector partnerships within the national system of health, to advance holistic, value-based, person-centered health care that can successfully impact the social determinants of health.

NASDOH supports multi-agency efforts to leverage programs and authorities to address the social determinants of health and particularly supports the investment in social determinants of health that influence maternal health found in S.346/H.R. 959. We have also [advocated](#) for cross-agency leadership and coordination to address social determinants of health as well as [advocated](#) for federal funding to go towards multi-sector partnerships that make use of the assets that community-based organizations offer. We are pleased to see your bill calls for funding to community-based organizations that are working to improve maternal health outcomes and promote equity, support moms with maternal mental health conditions and substance use disorders.

We appreciate your focus on the social determinants of health and maternal health and look forward to future legislative action on this topic from you and other members of Congress. For more information on NASDOH and our members, please visit our website at www.nasdoh.org or contact Sara Singleton at Sara.Singleton@leavittpartners.com

Sincerely,

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