

May 25, 2023

The Honorable Cory Booker U.S. Senate 717 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lauren Underwood U.S. House of Representatives 1130 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Alma Adams
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Senator Booker and Representatives Underwood and Adams,

The National Alliance to Impact the Social Determinants of Health (NASDOH) writes to express our appreciation and support for the reintroduction of the *Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act* (H.R. 3305/S. 1606), which would direct multi-agency efforts to improve maternal health, particularly among racial and ethnic minority groups, veterans, and other vulnerable populations.

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 (SDOH) 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 SDOH.

NASDOH supports multi-agency efforts to leverage programs and authorities to address the SDOH and particularly supports the investment in SDOH that influence maternal health found in <u>H.R. 3305/S. 1606</u>. We are pleased to see your bill calls for funding to making critical investments in SDOH that influence maternal health outcomes, like housing, transportation, and nutrition, providing funding to community-based organizations that are working to improve maternal health outcomes and promote equity, and supporting mothers with maternal mental health conditions and substance use disorders.

We appreciate your focus on SDOH 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 <a href="www.nasdoh.org">www.nasdoh.org</a> or contact Sara Singleton at Sara.Singleton@leavittpartners.com

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Sincerely,

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