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Dear Members of Congress:

As chief executive officers of evidence-based home visiting programs that are at the forefront of delivering services that strengthen American families, we write to strongly urge you to reauthorize and expand the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program for a period of five years with a doubling of its current funding from \$400 million to \$800 million annually before it expires in September 2017.

MIECHV is voluntary, locally operated and selected, and builds assets for two generations (parents and children). Our home visiting models, which are diverse in their target populations, methods of operation and proven outcomes, have decades of evidence and real world experience that demonstrate improvements in birth outcomes, early childhood physical and mental health, educational achievement and parenting skills, as well as reductions in child abuse and neglect, juvenile delinquency, crime and dependence on public assistance, among other outcomes. Furthermore, scientific research has shown us that preventing adverse childhood experiences can prevent serious long-term health and mental health problems, which are so costly to our society. These positive outcomes yield real dividends and produce a positive return on investment.

MIECHV also requires states to collaborate across agencies and with community partners. In addition, MIECHV's clear evidentiary standard has provided the philanthropic community with a validated framework to invest in and build upon proven interventions for children. These positive impacts could not have been possible without MIECHV's funding, structure and framework, and are at risk without a prompt reauthorization.

MIECHV exemplifies the best in local, voluntary, evidence-based policy with proven outcomes for children and families. If MIECHV expires, we will quickly begin to see the unraveling of services for families.

We are united in asking Congress to swiftly reauthorize this important program with additional resources and without any underlying changes to MIECHV before it expires in September 2017.

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