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**More than 600 Organizations Call on Congress to Expand Evidence-Based Home Visiting**

WASHINGTON, DC – The National Home Visiting Coalition (HVC) today released a [letter](#) signed by more than 600 organizations urging Congress to continue and expand funding for the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program before it expires on September 30th.

The program has long enjoyed bipartisan support but is set to expire this fall unless new funding is put into place.

“Evidence-based home visiting has proven impacts on outcomes ranging from maternal and child health to early childhood development and family economic self-sufficiency,” **said HVC spokeswoman Jenny Harper in a statement.** “We call upon Congress to commit to renewing and expanding this program so families across the country do not lose access to its vital services.”

Among the hundreds of signatories represented are health care providers, child care providers, parents, policymakers, business leaders, advocates, and researchers from all 50 states and the District of Columbia – demonstrating broad national, bipartisan support to continue this critical program.

The letter stands as a powerful signal of the demand for high-quality maternal and child healthcare services, particularly given inequities amplified by COVID-19. It includes three calls to action to ensure the viability of continuing home visiting services for millions of families:

- Increasing MIECHV funding over the next five years to serve more households and support the dedicated workforce.
- Expanding funding for tribes and tribal-serving organizations in American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) communities.
- Securing the continued availability of virtual home visiting as an option for families.

The letter can be found [here](#).

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*The [Home Visiting Coalition](#) is a diverse group of organizations committed to the well-being of children, working to promote continued federal support of home visiting to strengthen families in communities across the country.*