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HOME VISITING COALITION STATEMENT ON INTRODUCTION AND MARKUP OF LEGISLATION TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR MIECHV PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, DC - The Home Visiting Coalition, the national advocacy network fighting to extend and expand federal funding for the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program, released the following statement on the introduction and subsequent markup of the bipartisan *Jackie Walorski Maternal and Child Home Visiting Reauthorization Act*, which [the Home Visiting Coalition Steering Committee supports](#).

This legislation reauthorizes MIECHV for five years and would provide the first-ever increase in funding to the program since its creation over a decade ago. The bill further strengthens the program by doubling the set-aside for the Tribal MIECHV program, provides flexibility for virtual home visiting services, and increases transparency around data and outcomes, with a strong focus on evidence-based home visiting models and practices:

“This bill will ensure thousands of community-based home visiting programs remain open, and help more families access the services they need to help their children thrive,” **said Sarah Rittling, Executive Director of the First Five Years Fund (FFYF)**. “This program has tremendous bipartisan support, with steadfast leaders championing it on both sides of the aisle. We remain grateful for the dedicated work and leadership of Chairmen Neal and Pallone and Ranking Members Brady and McMorris Rodgers, who have made a bipartisan MIECHV reauthorization a top priority. We are also thankful for the work of the late Congresswoman Walorski, whose leadership on voluntary home visiting programs and championship of MIECHV has made a tremendous difference in the lives of countless families across our country. We look forward to working with lawmakers in the House and Senate to get it across the finish line.”

The bill honors the late Ranking Member Jackie Walorski, a true champion of the MIECHV program. Her commitment to working across the aisle with Chairman Danny K. Davis on a bipartisan reauthorization will endure as part of her legacy of supporting children and families.

About the Coalition: 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. To learn more about home visiting success stories and efforts to secure a reauthorization of the program, please visit: <https://nationalhomevisitingcoalition.org/>.

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