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The Honorable Richard Neal  
Chairman  
House Ways and Means Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin Brady  
Ranking Member  
House Ways and Means Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Danny K. Davis  
Chairman  
Worker and Family Support Subcommittee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Brad Wenstrup  
Acting Ranking Member  
Worker and Family Support Subcommittee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone  
Chairman  
House Energy & Commerce Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
Ranking Member  
House Energy & Commerce Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Anna G. Eshoo  
Chairwoman  
Health Subcommittee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Brett Guthrie  
Ranking Member  
Health Subcommittee  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Neal, Ranking Member Brady, Chairman Davis, Acting Ranking Member Wenstrup, Chairman Pallone, Ranking Member McMorris Rodgers, Chairwoman Eshoo, and Ranking Member Guthrie:

On behalf of the National Home Visiting Coalition steering committee, thank you for your steadfast work across the aisle to strike a strong bipartisan agreement to reauthorize the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV). We are pleased to offer our endorsement of the *Jackie Walorski Maternal and Child Home Visiting Reauthorization Act*.

The National Home Visiting Coalition is a diverse group of organizations committed to the well-being of children, united to promote federal support of home visiting to strengthen families in communities across the country. MIECHV home visiting promotes interventions to improve maternal and infant health; creates connections between caregivers, the pediatric medical home, and other health practitioners in the community; provides screening for perinatal depression and connecting parents with appropriate community-based behavioral health care; supports families in their child's early development and learning; provides referrals

when certain risk factors, including trauma or domestic violence, are present in the home; provides resources for children who experience trauma and toxic stress; targets the social determinants of health affecting families, such as social support, parental stress, access to health care, income and poverty status, and environmental conditions; and helps families navigate complex community-based systems of supports.

The Coalition has consistently supported a five year reauthorization of MIECHV with increased funding to reach more families and better support the workforce; a doubling of the Tribal set-aside to better address historical and ongoing inequities within American Indian and Alaska Native communities; and the continuation of virtual home visiting with model fidelity as an option for service delivery, providing greater flexibility in where, how, and when families can receive visits, and increased access in areas where families often lack an entrance point to quality maternal, infant, and early childhood programs, including rural and frontier areas.

The *Jackie Walorski Maternal and Child Home Visiting Reauthorization Act* responds to each of our requests in a thoughtful and productive manner. Furthermore, this 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 of MIECHV laid the foundation for this bill and will surely continue to inform the work of the Committee and the home visiting field moving forward.

Thank you again for your enduring work to arrive at a bipartisan MIECHV reauthorization, and for your commitment to the families who benefit from this program.

Sincerely,

Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs

American Academy of Pediatrics

Child First

First 5 California

First Five Years Fund

First Focus Campaign for Children

Healthy Families America

Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters

Nurse-Family Partnership

Parents as Teachers

Prevent Child Abuse America

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