



November 28, 2022

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear U.S. Representative:

On behalf of the National Home Visiting Coalition Steering Committee, we write to strongly urge a YES vote in favor of H.R. 8876, the *Jackie Walorski Maternal and Child Home Visiting Reauthorization Act*. This bipartisan bill garners the full support of our National Coalition.

The National Home Visiting Coalition is a diverse group of organizations committed to the well-being of children and families, united to promote federal support of the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV). MIECHV-funded home visiting supports evidence-based 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 connects 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 *Jackie Walorski Maternal and Child Home Visiting Reauthorization Act*, a bill named in honor of the late U.S. House Ways and Means Worker and Family Support Subcommittee Ranking Member Jackie Walorski (R-IN), is a strong bipartisan MIECHV reauthorization that we are proud to have [endorsed](#). The bill reauthorizes MIECHV in a thoughtful and productive manner by authorizing and expanding the program over five years, providing additional resources to tribal communities, and allowing for the continuation of virtual home visiting. Introduced by Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support Chairman Danny K. Davis (D-IL) and Acting Ranking Member Brad Wenstrup (R-OH), the bill received unanimous approval in the House Ways and Means Committee, a testament to the breadth of support for this reauthorization. H.R. 8876 currently boasts 186 cosponsors with strong representation from both parties. Representative Walorski was a true champion of evidence-based home visiting throughout her career, and the advancement of these critical bipartisan policies would be a fitting tribute to her legacy.

With the program set to expire on December 16, 2022 and limited time left in the 117th Congress, we urge you to pass H.R. 8876 to ensure MIECHV is reauthorized this year with these needed new resources and policy updates. Thank you for your support of home visiting.

Sincerely,

Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs

American Academy of Pediatrics

Child First

First 5 California/First 5 LA/First 5 Association of 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

Start Early

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