

AWHP Statement of Support for the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act (H.R.3305 and S.1606)

The Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act (H.R.3305 and S.1606) seeks to address a growing crisis: the United States has the highest maternal mortality rate of any high-income country in the world, and Black women face disproportionately high maternal mortality rates. This Act includes 13 individual bills that look to remedy this issue through solutions such as investment in the social determinants of health, expanding WIC eligibility, support for maternal mental health, promotion of maternal vaccines, and more.

With the support of more than 200 organizations, the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act will make crucial progress toward reducing maternal mortality among Black women. In turn, this would support the physical and emotional health of women and girls across the lifespan. Given its focus on preventive health and its focus on addressing the social determinants of health, AWHP strongly supports the passage of the Act, and encourages additional stakeholders to express their commitment to reducing both the roots and the impacts of this dire issue.