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TO: Senate Health and Human Services Committee Administrator, Anna Burke

Dear Ms. Burke,

The U.S. is facing an urgent maternal and infant health crisis. March of Dimes works to end preventable maternal health risks and death, end preventable preterm birth, and close the health equity gap for every family and have been doing so since 1935.

On behalf of our organization, and its thousands of supporters across Minnesota, I am writing to support **SF 4992** and **SF 5171**. Both bills work to address disparities in Minnesota's maternal health outcomes and to improve access and utilization of culturally appropriate perinatal health care and services in the African American and American Indian communities.

I urge the Senate Health and Human Services Committee to support SF 4992 and SF 5171, to empower African American and American Indian families and positively position them to support healthy pregnancies and deliveries in their communities.

As the Executive Director for March of Dimes in the state of Minnesota, I am available as a resource, should further information be sought. I can be reached at sshuff@marchofdimes.org or directly at +1 (610) 342-5853.

Sincerely,

Sarah Shuff