



Senator Melissa Wiklund

Health & Human Services Committee

SF 1167 - Maternal Death Studies Requirements, Clarification

Thursday, February 20, 2025

Dear Chair Wiklund and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Prenatal to Three Coalition, we are writing in strong support of SF1167, a crucial bill that clarifies requirements for maternal mortality studies in Minnesota.

Most maternal deaths in Minnesota are preventable, yet systemic barriers continue to delay necessary investigations and interventions. **SF 1167 is a critical measure to strengthen the maternal mortality review process by improving data collection, case review, and planning efforts.**

Urgent action is needed to advance this legislation, recognizing that perinatal and postpartum well-being are essential to early childhood development, fostering strong bonds, and supporting long-term cognitive and emotional growth.

This legislation will:

- Ensure timely evaluation of maternal deaths, leading to more accurate data and targeted interventions.
- Enhance collaboration across public health, medical, and community-based organizations to implement solutions that promote uniformly positive maternal health outcomes.
- Improve transparency and accountability in maternal health policies, fostering trust among birthing Minnesotans.

We urge the swift passage of SF1167, and we thank you for supporting policy that will save lives.

Sincerely,

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