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Dear Members of the Wisconsin Congressional House Delegation,

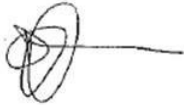
On behalf of Children's Wisconsin (Children's) and the patients and families we serve, I write in strong support of the bipartisan *Jackie Walorski Maternal and Child Home Visiting Reauthorization Act*. This legislation would reauthorize and increase funding for the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program for five years, as well as provide dedicated funding for critical home visiting workforce supports.

As you know, MIECHV provides federal funding for evidence-based home visiting programs. It is an important source of funding for Wisconsin's Family Foundations Home Visiting program which distributes more than \$10 million a year to entities throughout the state, including Children's, to provide pregnant women, children and families with voluntary, in-home supports and mentoring through their children's first years of life. Home visiting is a low cost, sustainable prevention measure which helps reduce the risk of child maltreatment, strengthen family functioning, connection to community resources, and promote healthy child development.

Children's provides individualized, home-based parenting education and support programming in communities across the state, including several counties in Northern Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Eau Claire, Wausau, Rock County, Madison and Milwaukee. In 2021, we served nearly 760 families; importantly, the families Children's serve through home visiting continue to demonstrate growth and positive outcomes, including 94% of children having an identified primary care provider and 96% of children being up-to-date on their immunizations. Home visiting and parent support programs are especially important as families continue to navigate the economic challenges and stress stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The *Jackie Walorski Maternal and Child Home Visiting Reauthorization Act* represents an important step forward for home visiting and Children's encourages your support of this legislation. Providing long-term certainty through the five-year reauthorization, as well as increasing funding for the program, will help ensure that states and programs can continue serving kids and families in Wisconsin and across the nation. Thank you for your continued advocacy to improve the health and well-being of Wisconsin's children.

Sincerely,

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David Whelan  
Vice President, Child Well Being  
Children's Wisconsin