

March 9, 2022

The Honorable Ron Wyden Chairman Senate Finance Committee Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Neal Chairman House Ways and Means Committee Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone Chairman House Energy and Commerce Committee Washington DC 20515 The Honorable Mike Crapo Ranking Member Senate Finance Committee Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin Brady Ranking Member House Ways and Means Committee Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers Ranking Member House Energy and Commerce Committee Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Wyden, Ranking Member Crapo, Chairman Neal, Ranking Member Brady, Chairman Pallone, and Ranking Member McMorris Rodgers,

The undersigned national, state, and local organizations thank you for your past support of the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV) and urge your support of a robust and timely reauthorization of the program by September 30, 2022.

The National Home Visiting Coalition is a diverse group of organizations committed to the well-being of children, united to promote federal support of home visiting to strengthen families in communities across the country. MIECHV is a federal grant program to states, territories, and Tribes that supports voluntary, evidence-based early childhood home visiting for families from pregnancy through kindergarten entry. Recognized as the gold standard for evidence-based policymaking, MIECHV-funded home visiting supports families by promoting interventions to improve maternal and infant health; creating connections between caregivers, the pediatric medical home, and other health practitioners in the community; providing screening for perinatal depression and connecting parents with appropriate community-based behavioral health care; supporting families in their child's early development and learning; providing referrals when certain risk factors, including trauma or domestic violence, are

present in the home; providing resources for children who experience trauma and toxic stress; targeting 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 helping families navigate complex community-based systems of supports.

MIECHV's range of models with demonstrated effectiveness allows communities to select the approach that best addresses their needs. This local flexibility, along with strong evidence of success, enables this program to consistently yield true bipartisan support. As you work together to reauthorize MIECHV, the National Home Visiting Coalition respectfully seeks the following:

1) Increase MIECHV funding over the next five years to reach more families and better support the workforce.

MIECHV has received no increase since reaching its current funding level almost a decade ago, despite being recognized across the aisle as a model for evidence-based policy. Level funding year over year — with cuts for sequestration - challenges MIECHV's ability to reach new families and ensure that home visitors earn a competitive wage. Pre-pandemic estimates showed MIECHV reached only three to five percent of eligible families each year. Statewide needs assessments required through the last MIECHV reauthorization have identified additional communities that would benefit from MIECHV, but those programs cannot be established without additional funding. Moreover, recruitment, retention, and high turnover of home visitors due to low wages, pose challenges to adequately serve families. To reach more eligible families and better serve the workforce primarily made up of women, the Home Visiting Coalition recommends scaling up MIECHV over the next five years with annual increases of \$200 million, arriving at a total of \$1.4 billion.

2) Double the Tribal set-aside.

Tribal MIECHV helps develop and strengthen tribal capacity to support and promote the health and well-being of families through home visiting in American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) communities, and support and strengthen cooperation and linkages between programs that serve tribal children and their families. Historical and ongoing inequities within AIAN communities have only been amplified by COVID-19. Currently, Tribal MIECHV receives \$12 million annually for the more than 600 eligible Tribes and Tribal-serving organizations. To address these inequities, the Home Visiting Coalition recommends doubling the tribal set-aside within MIECHV from three to six percent to reach more families in AIAN communities.

Continue to allow virtual home visiting with model fidelity as an option for service delivery.

In 2020, Congress allowed virtual home visits to count as home visits through MIECHV during the national health emergency, removing barriers to the provision of services due to health and safety concerns. Yet, virtual home visiting has demonstrated many additional benefits including greater flexibility in where, how, and when families can receive visits, and increased access in areas where families often lack an entrance point to quality maternal, infant, and early childhood programs, including

rural and frontier areas. The Home Visiting Coalition recommends that virtual home visiting implemented with model fidelity continue to be an allowable service delivery modality for families who choose it, as part of their receipt of comprehensive home visiting services.

Finally, timing is of the essence- the current MIECHV statute is slated to expire on September 30, 2022. It is imperative that MIECHV be reauthorized before it expires to avoid any lapse in programming. Likewise, a five-year reauthorization will provide stability and security to the field, further preventing any disruptions to the program.

The National Home Visiting Coalition and its state and local partners look forward to working with you to ensure a timely reauthorization that expands MIECHV to reach more families and better support the workforce. Thank you again for your ongoing support of MIECHV and the families who benefit from this essential program.

Sincerely,

2020 Mom

African American Health Alliance

AIDS Alliance for Women, Infants, Children, Youth & Families

America Forward

American Academy of Pediatrics

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

Association of State Public Health Nutritionists

Attachment and Biobehavioral Catch-up (ABC)

Black Mamas Matter Alliance

Brazelton Touchpoints Project, Inc.

Center for American Progress

Center for the Economics of Human Development, The University of Chicago

Center for the Study of Social Policy

Centerstone, Early Childhood Services

Child First

Children's Advocacy Institute

Children's Defense Fund

Children's Funding Project

Children's Rights

Children's Trust Fund Alliance

Child Welfare League of America

Coalition on Human Needs

Community Prevention Partnership

Council For a Strong America

Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children (DEC)

Education Development Center

Families USA

Family Centered Treatment Foundation

Family Connects International

First Five Years Fund

First Focus Campaign for Children

Forum for Youth Investment

Foster Care Alumni of America

Futures Without Violence

HealthConnect One

Healthy Families America

Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY US)

IDEA Infant and Toddler Coordinator's Association (ITCA)

Institute For Child Success

Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health

Kempe Foundation

Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.

March of Dimes

Melinated Moms

Mom Congress

MomsRising

National Association for Children's Behavioral Health

National Association of Counsel for Children

National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

National Association of Social Workers

National Center on Adoption and Permanency

National Council of Urban Indian Health

National Diaper Bank Network

National Family Support Network

National Head Start Association

National Indian Health Board

National League for Nursing

National Nurse-Led Care Consortium

National Partnership for Women & Families

National Prevention Science Coalition to Improve Lives

National WIC Association

National Women's Law Center

Nemours Children's Health

Network Lobby for Catholic Social Justice

Nurse-Family Partnership

One Hope United

Parent-Child Relationship Programs at the Barnard Center

Parents as Teachers

Partnership for America's Children

Prevent Blindness

Prevent Child Abuse America

RESULTS

SafeCare

Save the Children

SchoolHouse Connection

Social Current

Start Early
The Family Focused Treatment Association
The National Exchange Club
Trust for America's Health
United Way Worldwide
Urban Health Collaborative
ZERO TO THREE

Alabama

Alabama Chapter-American Academy of Pediatrics Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education Alabama Network of Family Resource Centers VOICES for Alabama's Children

Alaska

Alaska Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics Alaska Children's Trust Best Beginnings Alaska

American Samoa

American Samoa MIECHV Program

Arizona

Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Arizona Council of Human Service Providers Children's Action Alliance Department of Child Safety Easterseals Blake Foundation Prevent Child Abuse Arizona Healthy Families America - Child and Family Resources Southwest Human Development

Arkansas

Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families Arkansas Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics Excel by Eight Healthy Connections Healthy Families America Arkansas

California

Antelope Valley Partners for Health Children Now Children's Institute Early Edge California El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center First 5 Association of California First 5 Humboldt First 5 Kern

First 5 LA

First 5 Mariposa County

First 5 Merced

First 5 Mono County

First 5 Riverside

First 5 Santa Clara County

First 5 Siskiyou Children and Families Commission

First 5 Sonoma County

First 5 Tehama

First 5 Ventura County

First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission

Folsom Cordova Community Partnership

Hillsides

John Burton Advocates for Youth

LA Best Babies Network

Pasadena Public Health Department

Prevent Child Abuse California

Sacramento County Department of Health Services, Department of Public Health

SHIELDS for Families

Solano County

Sonoma County Department of Health Services

Sutter County Children & Families Commission

Sycamores

Tehama County Department of Education

The California Family Resource Association

The Children's Partnership

YWCA Greater Los Angeles

Colorado

Boulder County Public Health

Colorado Children's Campaign

Colorado Home Visiting Coalition

Empowering Communities Globally: For the Care of Children

Engaged Latino Parents Advancing Students Outcomes (ELPASO)

Family Visitor Programs

Focus Points

Healthy Child Care Colorado

Healthy Families America Polk & Garland CO (Healthy Connections)

Illuminate Colorado

Invest in Kids

Mile High United Way

Parent Possible

Roots Family Center

San Luis Valley Area Health Education Center / HIPPY

The Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County

Connecticut

Alliance for Family Support - Thames Valley Council for Community Action

African Caribbean American Parents of Children with Disabilities, Inc. (AFCAMP)

Branford Early Learning Center

Children's Community Programs of CT

Children's Learning Centers of Fairfield County

Connecticut Association for the Education of Young Children (CTAEYC)

Connecticut Children's Alliance

Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance

Connecticut Voices for Children

Day Kimball Healthcare

Early Childhood Higher Education Collaborative

East Shore District Health Department Nurturing Families Network

Exchange Club Center

EdAdvance Parents as Teachers

Families Network of Western CT, Inc.

Family & Children's Aid

Family Centered Services of CT

Family Enrichment Center

Family Life Education

Family Strides, Inc.

Hamden Adult Education

Help for Kids

Hudson Country Montessori School

Madonna Place

McCall Center for Behavioral Health

Norwalk Early Childhood Council

Nurturing Families Network Day Kimball

Odyssey Achievement Program

RVNAhealth

The Hospital of Central Connecticut - Family Enrichment Center

The Village for Families and Children

TVCCA, Inc.

Wheeler Clinic

District of Columbia

DC Action

Rebuilding Independence My Style

Delaware

Children & Families First

Delaware Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

Prevent Child Abuse Delaware

Rodel

Florida

Broward Healthy Start Coalition

Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Florida Health Justice Project

Florida Voices for Health

Florida's MIECHV Program / Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions

Healthy Start Coalition of Santa Rosa County, Inc.

Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition

Northeast Florida Nurse-Family Partnership

Okeechobee Healthy Start Coalition

Georgia

Brightpaths

Coastal Coalition for Children

Family Support Council, Inc.

GEEARS: Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students

Healthy Families Crisp

Healthy Families Houston County

Hawaii

Hawaii's Children Action Network Keiki O Ka Aina Family Learning Center Parents And Children Together

Idaho

Idaho Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Idaho Voices for Children Panhandle Health District Prevent Child Abuse Idaho

Illinois

Abilities Plus

Carle Health

Carole Robertson Center for Learning

Children's Home & Aid

COFI & Power-PAC IL

Cornerstone Foundations for Families

DuPage County Health Department

Erie Neighborhood House

Erikson Institute

EveryChild

Family Focus

Firman Community Services

Healthy Families Illinois

Kids Above All

Livingston County Health Department HFI

Lyons School District 103

Metropolitan Family Services

OHO and Associates

Prevent Child Abuse Illinois

Provincial Council Clerics of St. Viator

The Children's Center of Cicero Berwyn YWCA Metropolitan Chicago YWCA Northwestern Illinois

Indiana

Brightpoint

CAPS

DJ Center for Youth, Inc

Early Care Consultants

Family Services & Prevention Programs

Goodwill Industries of Michiana

HealthNet Healthy Families

Heathier Moms and Babies

Indiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Indiana Hospital Association

IU Health

Lutheran Social Services of Indiana

New Hope Services, Inc. - Healthy Families

Nurse-Family Partnership of Goodwill of Central and Southern Indiana

United Way of Allen County

Iowa

Common Good Iowa

Genesis VNA/ Clinton and Jackson PH

Iowa Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Kossuth County C.A.R.E Team

League of Women Voters Iowa

Linn County Early Childhood Iowa

Lutheran Services in Iowa

Prevent Child Abuse Iowa

Kansas

City-Cowley County Health Department

Crawford County Health Department

Delivering Change, Inc.

Greenbush Parents as Teachers

Greenwood County Health Department

Jefferson County Health Department, Home Health and Hospice

Kansas Action for Children

Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition

Kansas Children's Service League - Healthy Families

Kansas City Kansas Parents as Teachers

Kansas Department for Children and Families

Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Kansas Parents as Teachers

Kansas Parents as Teachers Association

My Family

My Family Labette

My Family Montgomery and Wilson Counties

Project Eagle

Reno County Health Department

Saline County Health Department/Maternal Child Health

The Family Conservancy

Turner School Parents as Teachers

Unified Government Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas Public Health Department

USD 445 Parents as Teachers

Wichita Children's Home

Kentucky

Kentucky Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky Save the Children Action Network

Louisiana

Kingsley House Louisiana CASA Association Louisiana Partnership for Children and Families Louisiana Policy Institute for Children Power Coalition for Equity and Justice

Maine

Council for a Strong America Maine Maine Association for the Education of Young Children Maine Children's Alliance Maine Children's Trust Maine Community Action Partnership

Maryland

Frederick County Health Care Coalition
Healthy Families Baltimore County
Healthy Families Washington County
Maryland Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Maryland Family Network
Montgomery County Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, Inc.

Massachusetts

Child Care of the Berkshires, Inc Children's Trust

Children's League of Massachusetts

Community Action Pioneer Valley

Health Imperatives

Healthy Families Central Middlesex of JF&CS

Healthy Families Harbor Area

Healthy Families Massachusetts-North Worcester County

Kennedy-Donovan Center Healthy Families

Massachusetts Citizens for Children

MelroseWakefield Healthcare, Inc. MV Catholic Charities Southeast Massachusetts Council on Advocacy Square One Wayside Youth & Family Support Network

Michigan

Catholic Charities West Michigan
Comprehensive Youth Services, Inc.
District Health Department #10
Family Futures
Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW)
Healthy Families America Wayne Program
Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health
Michigan Family Voices
Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI)
Starfish Nurse-Family Partnership

Minnesota

Minnesota AAP Early Childhood Working Group Minnesota Coalition for Family Home Visiting Saint Paul-Ramsey County Public Health West Central Initiative

Mississippi

Mississippi Low-Income Child Care Initiative

Missouri

A Red Circle Brighter Beginnings Home Visitation Collaborative Children's Mercy

Community Partnership of the Ozarks

Easterseals Midwest

FamilyForward

Generate Health STL

Healthy Families of Randolph County MO.

Missouri Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

The Alliance of Southwest Missouri

United Way of Greater Kansas City

Unleashing Potential

Montana

Billings Exchange Clubs' Child Abuse Prevention Center - The Family Tree Center Community Health Partners
Healthy Communities Coalition Mineral County
Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies, The Montana Coalition, Inc.
Lewis and Clark Public Health
RiverStone Health

Zero to Five Montana

Nebraska

First Five Nebraska Healthy Families Nebraska Panhandle Nebraska Children and Families Foundation Nebraska Children's Home Society Nebraska Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics Public Health Solutions - Healthy Families America

Nevada

Children's Advocacy Alliance Nevada Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics University of Nevada Reno

New Hampshire

Waypoint

New Jersey

Acenda Integrated Health
Adam and Danielle's Children's Center
Adirondack Birth to Three Alliance
Advocates for Children of New Jersey
Barat Foundation
Bergen County Office for Children
Bergen Family Center - HIPPY
Care Plus NJ

Caring for Kids

Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health

Center For Family Services / Healthy Families

Central Jersey Family Healthy Consortium

Child Care Resources

Child Wellness Institute

Children On the Green

Children's Day Preschool and Family Center

Children's Home Society of NJ

Community Child Care Solutions

Cumberland County Health Department

Destiny Family Child Care

embrella. Embracing & Empowering Families

Family Based Services Association of NJ

Family Connections Inc.

Gateway C.A.P. Early Head Start - Head Start

Georgian Court University

Gilmore Memorial Preschool, Inc.

Glassboro Child Development Centers

Hannah Preschool

Happy Today & Bright Tomorrow

Harmony FSC

Healthy Families Cape May, NJ

HOPES CAP Inc.

Kiddie World Daycare

Longbeach Island Community Center

Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ)

Mercer Street Friends

Montclair Child Development Centers, Inc.

New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc. (NJAMHAA)

New Jersey Citizen Action

New Jersey Department of Children and Families

New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute

New Life Child Care Learning Center

Newark Trust for Education

NJ Coalition on Oral Health Access for Special Needs Groups

New Jersey Society of Public Health Education (NJSOPHE)

Parents as Teachers Passaic County

Parents As Teachers Union County NJ

Partnership for Maternal & Child Health of Northern New Jersey

Paterson Alliance

Paterson Education Fund

Preferred Behavioral Health Group

Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey

Project Self-Sufficiency

Puerto Rican Action Board (PRAB)

Quality Care Services, Inc.

Ruby's Vision, Inc.

Scribbles Learning Center

Second Street Youth Center

Southern New Jersey Perinatal Cooperative

St. Francis Community Center

The Gloucester Learning Academy

The Honey Bee Foundation

Union City Day Care Program

United Way of Central Jersey

Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey, Children & Family Health Institute

Wish U Was A Child

WTCARES

YCS Nurse-Family Partnership

YCS Parents as Teachers

New Mexico

Early Childhood Center of Excellence

First Born Program of Los Alamos, NM

La Clinica de Familia Early Head Start

LANL Foundation

New Mexico Pediatric Society

New Mexico Voices for Children

Northwest New Mexico First Born University of New Mexico Center for Development and Disability

New York

Blue Skies Consultation

Bronxworks

Buffalo Prenatal Perinatal Network

Child & Family Resources, Inc.

Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc.

Child Development Council

Comprehensive Interdisciplinary Development Services

Dutchess County Healthy Families

Early Childhood Alliance Onondaga

Friends of New York City Nurse-Family Partnership

Healthy Families Jefferson County

Morris Heights Health Center

New York State Citizen Review Panels for Child Protective Services

Society for the Protection & Care of Children (SPCC)

Postpartum Resource Center of New York

Prevent Child Abuse New York

Public Health Solutions

Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy

The Children's Agenda

United Way of Greater Rochester and the Finger Lakes

Westchester Children's Association

North Carolina

Blue Ridge Healthy Families
Catawba Valley Healthy Families
Child Care Services Association
Family Resource Center South Atlantic
Goldsboro Pediatrics

Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina

Think Babies NC Alliance

North Dakota

Foundation for a Healthy North Dakota Prevent Child Abuse North Dakota

Ohio

Butler County Educational Service Center
Every Child Succeeds
Friendly Inn Settlement
Groundwork Ohio
Healthy Families Wayne and Ashland County Help Me Grow
Help Me Grow Brighter Futures
Pike Board of DD
PrimaryOne Health

Public Children Services Association of Ohio Integrated Services for Behavioral Health

Oklahoma

CAP Tulsa

Frontline Family Solutions
Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy
Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness
Parent Promise/Prevent Child Abuse Oklahoma
The Parent Child Center of Tulsa (PCCT)

Oregon

Children's Institute
Community Action Team, Northwest Oregon Healthy Families
Healthy Families – Community Action
Impact NW
Insights Healthy Families
Metropolitan Family Services
Multnomah County Health Department
Our Children Oregon
UCAN Healthy Families

Pennsylvania

UMHS, Inc.

Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence Co., Inc.

CHOP PolicyLab

Community Action Partnership of Lancaster – Parents as Teachers

Erie County Department of Health

Greene County Family Center

Healthy Family Partnership

Maternity Care Coalition

OCCCDA

Pennsylvania Council of Churches

Pennsylvania Head Start Association

Pennsylvania Parents as Teachers State Office

Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children

PHMC and Philadelphia Nurse-Family Partnership

The Guidance Center, Parents as Teachers

Trying Together

Puerto Rico

Grupo Nexos

Healthy Families of Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics

Rhode Island

Blackstone Valley Community Action Program Children's Friend

Comprehensive Community Action Program (CCAP)

Connecting for Children and Families

East Bay Community Action Program

Family Service of Rhode Island

Rhode Island KIDS COUNT

Rhode Island American Academy of Pediatrics

Right from the Start Campaign

South County Home Health

South Carolina

Carolina Health Centers, Inc.

Children's Trust of South Carolina

Fact Forward

Family Connection of South Carolina

Medical University of South Carolina / Healthy Families Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester Counties

McLeod Nurse-Family Partnership

South Carolina Infant Mental Health Association

South Dakota

South Dakota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Tennessee

Centerstone Early Childhood Services
Consilience Group
Early Matters Chattanooga
Nurture the Next
The Stephens Center
The Center for Family Development

Texas

Lumin Education
Madonna Center, Inc.
Texans Care for Children
Texas Pediatric Society
TexProtects
United Way of Metropolitan Dallas
United Way of the Coastal Bend

Utah

American Academy of Pediatrics, Utah Chapter (UTAAP) Children's Service Society of Utah Early Childhood Alliance

Vermont

American Academy of Pediatrics Vermont Chapter Building Bright Futures State Advisory Council Early Care and Learning Partnership, Inc. Lamoille Family Center Vermont Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance Vermont Family Network Vermont Parent/Child Center Network

Virginia

Child Development Resources

Child Health Partnership

CHIP of the New River Valley

Department of Human Services - City of Newport News

Early Impact Virginia

Families Forward Virginia

Family Lifeline

Healthy Families Danville - Pittsylvania

Healthy Families Page County

Healthy Families Virginia

Newport News Healthy Families

NNDHS

Nurse-Family Partnership Western Tidewater

NVFS (Healthy Family Arlington)

People Incorporated of Virginia

Smart Beginnings Danville Pittsylvania

Smart Beginnings Virginia Peninsula

Social Action Linking Together (SALT)

Thrive Peninsula

Virginia Head Start Association, Inc.

Washington

Barnard Center

Children's Alliance

Parent Child Relationship Programs, University of Washington School of Nursing

Partners for Our Children

Rebuilding Independence My Style

Start Early

Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

West Virginia

Allegheny Highlands PAT

Amplify Empathy

Mountain State Healthy Families

Partners in Community Outreach

REACHH - Family Resource Center

TEAM for West Virginia Children, Inc.

Wisconsin

Children's Wisconsin

Fond du Lac Area United Way

Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc.

Healthy Families of Burnett County

Healthy Families Northwoods - Children's WI
Supporting Families Together Association
United Way of Door County
United Way of Northern Ozaukee, Inc.
United Way of Portage County
United Way of Wisconsin
Wisconsin Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (WIAAP)
Wisconsin Early Childhood Association

Wyoming

Wyoming Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics