Dear Chairman Neal, Ranking Member Brady, Chairman Davis, and Acting Ranking Member Wenstrup:

Thank you for your dedicated efforts to strike a strong bipartisan agreement to reauthorize the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV). I am writing on behalf of the Colorado Children’s Campaign to share our support for the Jackie Walorski Maternal and Child Home Visiting Reauthorization Act of 2022.

The Colorado Children’s Campaign is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization committed since 1985 to realizing every chance for every child in Colorado. We advocate for the development and implementation of data-driven public policies that improve child well-being in health, youth success, family economic prosperity, and early childhood.

The Children’s Campaign recognizes home visiting programs as an essential tool for achieving positive health outcomes for infants and toddlers, pregnant and postpartum people, and families. The MIECHV program aims to improve maternal and child health outcomes and family well-being with proven services that “meet families where they are.” Home visitors develop strong, trusting relationships families through regular home visits, where they provide information, referrals, and address the family’s needs. In Fiscal Year 2020, through its support of Colorado’s Home Visiting Program, the MIECHV program reached almost 2,000 families – with a total of 24,778 home visits conducted across the state.1

The Children’s Campaign has and continues to support a five-year MIECHV reauthorization that aligns with the requests of the National Home Visiting Coalition, including increased funding to reach more families and support the workforce, a doubling of the Tribal set-aside to address systemic inequities against Indigenous communities, and the continuation of virtual home visiting with model fidelity as an option for service delivery to increase access and provide flexibility for families.2

1 Colorado’s MIECHV Program FY 2020 (hrsa.gov)
2 MIECHV Reauthorization 1-pager (nationalhomevisitingcoalition.org)
The Jackie Warloski Maternal and Child Home Visiting Act responds to each of the above requests in a thoughtful and productive manner, which will allow more of our hardest-to-reach Coloradans access to evidence-based home visiting programs. Communities are stronger when their youngest members and their families have the resources and supports they need to thrive, and five more years of MIECHV will continue to move the home visiting field forward both in Colorado and nationwide.

Thank you again for your commitment to families who benefit from the MIECHV program.

Sincerely,

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