



April 6, 2021

Representative Tina Liebling
Chair, Health Finance and Policy Committee
477 State Office Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative Liebling:

Minnesota's Prenatal to Three Coalition (PN-3) is writing with support for a number of maternal and child health (MCH) focused proposals in HF 2128. We know the life outcomes of every child begin to take shape before they are born and are influenced by their experiences and relationships. We were pleased to see several policies and funding to help support a healthy start and to help address disparities.

We were pleased to see these MCH focused policies and believe they will make improvements for all women and families.

- Extending access to medical assistance postpartum 6 months to improve health and mental health outcomes
- Increasing flexibility and funding to families through voluntary family home visiting services
- Including the Dignity of Pregnancy and Childbirth Act to track important data and increase knowledge and training to improve pregnancy and birth outcomes
- Expanding support for the African-American Integrated Care for High Risk Pregnancies (ICHRP) initiative, and
- Supporting and funding for African American mothers, fathers, babies and young families.

Please contact our Policy and Legislative Affairs Director, Deb Fitzpatrick at dfitzpatrick@childrensdefense.org or Coalition Coordinator, Laura LaCroix-Dalluhn at Laura@LaCroixDalluhnConsulting.com with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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