



Protecting Moms and Babies Against Climate Change Act

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BACKGROUND

Research assessing more than 32 million births in the U.S. found that “exacerbation of air pollution and heat exposure related to climate change may be significantly associated with risk to pregnancy outcomes in the US” and the “subpopulations at highest risk were...minority groups, especially [Black] mothers.”²⁶

The **Protecting Moms and Babies Against Climate Change Act** will address these climate change-related risks, making robust investments in initiatives to reduce levels of and exposure to extreme heat, air pollution, and other environmental threats to pregnant people, new moms, and their infants.

BILL SUMMARY

The **Protecting Moms and Babies Against Climate Change Act** will:

1. Invest in **community-based programs to identify and address climate change-related maternal and infant health risks**, particularly in communities of color.
2. **Provide funding to health professional schools** to prepare future nurses, doctors, and other health care workers to address climate change-related risks for patients.
3. Establish an **NIH consortium to advance research on climate change and maternal & infant health**.
4. Develop a comprehensive strategy to **identify and designate climate change risk zones** for pregnant and postpartum people and their babies.

COSPONSERS AND ENDORSEMENTS

Find a list of cosponsors [here](#), and a list of organizations that have endorsed the Act [here](#).

If you have any questions, or would like to cosponsor, please contact us at:

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²⁶ Becker, Pacheco, Basu, et. al: [Association of Air Pollution and Heat Exposure With Preterm Birth, Low Birth Weight, and Stillbirth in the US](#)