



# Social Determinants for Moms Act

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## BACKGROUND

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), social determinants of health are the conditions where people live, learn, work, and play – conditions that affect a wide range of health risks and outcomes.<sup>1</sup> Research from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has found that these social determinants “can drive as much as 80 percent of health outcomes.”<sup>2</sup> Addressing social determinants is especially important for addressing maternal health disparities: according to the National Perinatal Task Force, “focusing on the social determinants of health is an important step to addressing root causes for these unwavering gaps in maternal and infant health.”<sup>3</sup> The **Social Determinants for Moms Act** makes key investments in social determinants to save moms and end disparities in maternal health outcomes.

## BILL SUMMARY

The **Social Determinants for Moms Act** will:

1. Establish a whole-of-government **Task Force to Address the United States Maternal Health Crisis**.
2. Establish a **Social Determinants of Maternal Health Fund** to provide robust, sustained funding for community-based organizations, Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations, Urban Indian organizations, and public health departments to address social determinants of health during and after pregnancy – including housing, transportation, nutrition, environmental conditions, and other local needs.

## 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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<sup>1</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [Social Determinants of Health](#)

<sup>2</sup> Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: [Medicaid's Role in Addressing Social Determinants of Health](#)

<sup>3</sup> National Perinatal Task Force: [Building a Movement to Birth a More Just and Loving World](#)