

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 are born, grow, work, live, worship, and age – that affect a wide range of health risks and outcomes.¹ Social determinants of health “have been shown to have a greater influence on health than either genetic factors or access to healthcare services.”² 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.”³ 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.

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