

United States Senate

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The Honorable Ron Wyden
Chairman
Senate Finance Committee
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Crapo
Ranking Member
Senate Finance Committee
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Wyden and Ranking Member Crapo:

We write in strong support of a robust, timely, five-year reauthorization of the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV).

As you know, evidence-based home visiting through MIECHV supports families from pregnancy through a child's early years through trusting, ongoing relationships with home visitors and families. This critical resource for young families improves maternal and infant health, school readiness and family self-sufficiency, reduces abuse and neglect, and connects families to community resources and supports. As the pandemic strained families and many programs shuttered their doors, home visiting programs quickly pivoted to virtual service delivery to ensure families had ongoing support.

As a gold standard for evidence-based policymaking, MIECHV enjoys broad bipartisan, bicameral support for its sound investment of federal funds to support the young children who are our future nurses, teachers, farmers, and more. Despite its longstanding success, pre-pandemic, just over three percent of eligible families were served through evidence-based home visiting according to the National Home Visiting Resource Center. This reauthorization cycle affords Congress the opportunity to provide an important and critical investment in home visiting to serve additional families and communities in need.

As the Senate Finance Committee works to consider and renew programs within your jurisdiction, we thank you for your historical support of MIECHV and urge your strong support of this program.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
United States Senator



Robert Menendez
United States Senator



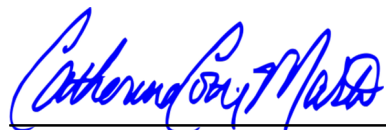
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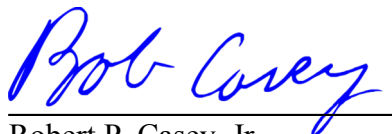
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