

May 24, 2021

The Honorable Raphael Warnock
United States Senate
B40D Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Marco Rubio
United States Senate
284 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Warnock and Rubio:

On behalf of our nearly 5,000 member hospitals, health systems and other health care organizations, our clinician partners – including more than 270,000 affiliated physicians, 2 million nurses and other caregivers – and the 43,000 health care leaders who belong to our professional membership groups, the American Hospital Association (AHA) writes to express support for S.1675, the Maternal Health Quality Improvement Act.

Maternal health is a top priority for the AHA and our member hospitals and health systems. The causes for the escalating rates of maternal mortality are complex, including a lack of consistent access to comprehensive care and persistent racial disparities in health and health care. Your legislation would help our hospitals and health systems improve maternal health by funding programs that: develop and disseminate best practices to improve maternal outcomes; educate health care professionals serving maternal health patients with respect to perceptions and biases that may impact care for racial and ethnic minority populations; establish and support perinatal quality collaboratives; and establish programs to deliver integrated health care services to pregnant and postpartum women.

As hospitals work to improve health outcomes for women across the continuum of care, we appreciate the continued support from Congress and your commitment to improve maternal health. We stand ready to work with you to advance S. 1675.

Sincerely,

/s/

Stacey Hughes
Executive Vice President

