March 8, 2020

The Honorable Alma Adams  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Lauren Underwood  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Adams and Underwood:

On behalf of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), which represents 134,600 family physicians and medical students across the country, I write to applaud your leadership on the Black Maternal Health Caucus and the introduction of the Black Maternal Health Omnibus Act of 2020.

This comprehensive package of proposals will go a long way toward addressing the health disparities and poor outcomes that women of color continue to experience in the United States. Family physicians, including those providing maternal care services, are critical to the solutions regarding this important issue as we know that many maternal deaths occur due to underlying health issues. We look forward to working closely with the task force created by this legislation in addressing the many facets of this health care issue.

Again, thank you for your work to advance the national conversation on this issue. We look forward to working with you as these bills move forward. For more information, please contact Sonya Clay, Government Relations Representative, at 202-655-4909 or sclay@aafp.org.

Sincerely,

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Board Chair