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I am a Maryland resident residing in Crofton, MD.

I am writing to support legislation that promotes improved Maternal Child Health in the state of Maryland. As you are well aware, Maryland ranks 22<sup>nd</sup> in the nation for maternal mortality with 24.8 deaths for every one hundred thousand births according to the state's 2019 Maternal Mortality Review. The data for women of color is even more compelling and the state of Maryland can do better.

Promoting the completion of the prenatal risk assessment form, reporting on severe maternal morbidity and the creation of a report card for birthing facility maternity care are all important steps to that end. Maryland Medicaid maternal and child health programs have developed programs that support healthy pregnancies. Any new initiatives should align with activities already in place.

Thank you for your careful and thoughtful consideration of this important health topic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nina F. Miles Everett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

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