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The Honorable Lauren Underwood  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1130 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Underwood,

On behalf of the entire membership of The Root Cause Coalition, we write to offer our sincere congratulations on the House passage of the Build Back Better Act, and its inclusion of several crucial maternal health investments. It is a clear testament to your work and leadership with the Black Maternal Health Caucus that the BBB package contains every eligible provision of the Black Maternal Health Omnibus Act.

Addressing the Black maternal health crisis is a top priority for TRCC. We believe the Omnibus investments represent a critical step towards finally addressing the Black maternal health crisis in this country and can make a transformative difference in the life of millions of American families. Your unwavering and passionate leadership on the need to extend postpartum Medicaid coverage and the inclusion of permanent investments in yearlong postpartum Medicaid coverage in every state is deeply appreciated.

As a Coalition you can count on us to encourage the Senate to pass the Build Back Better Act with these much-needed provisions. Again, we applaud you and the entire Black Maternal Health Caucus for your leadership and commitment to ending maternal health disparities.

Sincerely,

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The Root Cause Coalition

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