

Endorsing Organizations

Ujima: “Now more than ever, we must build systems and responses that recognize the full reality of patients’ lives. Trauma-informed care, better screening for violence, culturally specific providers, and stronger community support networks can make the difference between life and death. When we protect and uplift the most vulnerable—those navigating both pregnancy and violence—we strengthen families, reduce long-term healthcare costs, and promote healthier communities overall. Ensuring equitable care for Black mothers and their babies is not optional; it is a moral imperative.” - *Karma Cottman, CEO - Ujima, The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community*

Futures Without Violence: “For over 40 years, Futures Without Violence has worked to build stronger, safer and healthier communities. Our work has centered on supporting survivors of domestic violence, including mothers and children impacted by violence. FUTURES is proud to support the Protect Moms From Domestic Violence Act, which will further study the intersection of maternal mortality and IPV and invest in innovative solutions that will improve maternal and infant health outcomes. Mothers deserve the opportunity to deliver and nurture healthy babies free from harm and violence. Protect Moms from Violence bill is one step towards improving the safety, health and well-being of mothers, babies and the future of our communities.” - *Esta Soler, President & Founder, Futures Without Violence*

National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health: “Research has consistently documented that abuse by an intimate partner (IPV), significantly increases a person’s risk of developing perinatal depression, anxiety, and PTSD and is a major contributor to maternal mortality from suicide, overdose, and homicide. While routine screening is now considered the standard of care, without understanding the unique risks IPV survivors face, treatment is likely to be ineffective and may be harmful as well. This bill will make it possible to invest in initiatives that support partnerships between health and behavioral health providers who work with survivors of IPV in order to develop more integrated approaches to care.” - *Carole Warshaw, Director*

American Medical Women's Association: “As a professional organization of women physicians which has advocated for women's health for over 100 years, AMWA is proud to support this important legislation. We urge passage of the 'Protect Moms from Domestic Violence' Act. We must protect all women from violence, and it is shameful that we as a nation have not always passed permanent legislation to do so.” - *Dr. Jan Werbinski, President*

The American Medical Women’s Association (AMWA) supports all efforts to stop domestic violence, especially intimate partner violence against pregnant women. AMWA has for over 100 years worked to support women’s health and we recognize that pregnant women are at increased risk for abuse by their partners. This abuse causes physical and mental harm to both mothers and their children. AMWA supports the work needed to promote improvements in

research about this topic and the development of programs to prevent domestic violence and support survivors.

Restoration Diversion Services: “As a survivor-led agency, RDS 100% supports the Protect Moms from Domestic Violence Act!” - *Kia Dupclay, Survivor/ Program Director (Compton, CA)*

YCC Family Crisis Center: “Lives are being lost and something has to be done. This problem has exponentially gotten worse and those who can positively influence legislation on this will be changing and saving lives.” - *Mindi Haddock, Domestic Violence Therapist and Victim's Advocate (Ogden, UT)*

Agape Doulas LLC: “It is vital to recognize the domestic violence that occurs among pregnant and birthing women in this country and the Protect Moms from Domestic Violence Act aims to help these women in such situations.” - *Northeast FL*

Just Solutions: “I'm grateful to Congresswoman Moore for introducing this crucial bill & deploying an equity lens to help us better understand the impact of trauma and intimate partner violence on pregnant and postpartum persons.” - *Lisalyn Jacobs, CEO - Just Solutions*

Jewish Women International: “Pregnancy and early motherhood should be a time of joy, love, and hope for new life. For too many women, it becomes a time of fear and violence instead. Homicide by an intimate partner is a leading cause of death for pregnant and postpartum women, while non-fatal abuse inflicts serious, lasting harm on mothers and children. We thank Senators Shaheen and Murkowski, and Representatives Moore and Fitzpatrick, for introducing the Protect Moms from Domestic Violence Act to better understand, prevent, and address gender-based violence's impact on families.” - *Deborah Rosenbloom, Chief Program Officer, Jewish Women International (Washington, DC)*

The National Domestic Violence Hotline: “Katie Ray-Jones, CEO of the National Domestic Violence Hotline, applauds the introduction of the Protect Moms from Domestic Violence Act. “Studies show that one of the leading causes of death for pregnant women in the United States is homicide by a current or former intimate partner. Too many pregnant and postpartum survivors face abuse at a time when they should be receiving care and support. By investing in research, prevention, provider education, and stronger partnerships between healthcare systems and community-based organizations, this legislation recognizes the serious effect intimate partner violence can have on maternal health and safety. We are grateful for this effort to better support survivors and protect moms and families nationwide.” - *Katie Ray-Jones, CEO - National Domestic Violence Hotline*

Legal Momentum: “Legal Momentum strongly endorses the Protect Moms From Domestic Violence Act, a critical step toward addressing our country’s maternal health crisis by examining how intimate partner violence contributes to maternal mortality. Homicide is one of the leading causes of death during pregnancy and the postpartum period, underscoring the

urgent need for action. This legislation will drive research, improve screening and trauma-informed care, and invest in culturally responsive, community-based solutions to support those most at risk, and ensure all pregnant and postpartum individuals can access the safety and care they deserve.” - *Azaleea Carlea, Legal Director*