



Data to Save Moms Act

H.R. 6155

BACKGROUND

On December 21st, 2018, the Preventing Maternal Deaths Act was signed into law, providing funding to Maternal Mortality Review Committees (MMRCs) in states across the country. The **Data to Save Moms Act** builds on that bipartisan legislation by promoting greater levels of representative community engagement in MMRCs. The bill also promotes improvements in data collection processes, quality measures for maternity care, and maternal health research at Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs).

Finally, the **Data to Save Moms Act** responds to the urgent maternal health crisis among Native American women, the only group with a disparity in outcomes that is comparable to Black women.¹ The legislation commissions the first-ever comprehensive study to understand the scope of the Native American maternal health crisis and provides funding to establish the first Tribal MMRC.

BILL SUMMARY

The **Data to Save Moms Act** will:

1. Promote greater diversity and community engagement in state and Tribal **maternal mortality review committees**.
2. Establish a **Task Force on Maternal Health Data and Quality Measures**, which will consider issues such as:
 - The extent to which states have implemented systematic processes of listening to the stories of pregnant and postpartum women and their family members.
 - The extent to which data are sufficiently stratified by race and ethnicity in the context of maternity care quality measures.
 - The extent to which quality measures consider subjective measures of patient-reported experience of care.
3. Commission a **comprehensive study on maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity among Native American women**.
4. Invest in **maternal health research at Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs)** like Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), and Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs).

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Pregnancy-Related Deaths](#)

COSPONSORS

The **Data to Save Moms Act** is led by Congresswoman Sharice Davids. The bill is cosponsored by Representatives Lauren Underwood, Alma S. Adams, Terri Sewell, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Mary Gay Scanlon, Gwen Moore, Wm. Lacy Clay, Ro Khanna, Karen Bass, and Al Lawson.

ENDORSEMENTS

The **Data to Save Moms Act** is endorsed by more than 50 organizations, including the:

- National Council of Urban Indian Health
- Black Mamas Matter Alliance
- Center for Reproductive Rights
- National Birth Equity Collaborative
- Ancient Song Doula Services
- Mamatoto Village Inc
- Black Women's Health Imperative
- National Perinatal Task Force
- Commonsense Childbirth
- Every Mother Counts
- National Partnership for Women & Families
- Families USA
- First Focus Campaign for Children
- MomsRising
- American Public Health Association
- American College of Physicians
- Mom Congress
- American College of Nurse-Midwives
- National WIC Association
- American Association of Birth Center
- African American Breastfeeding Network
- Healing Hands Community Doula Project
- HealthConnect One
- Children's HealthWatch
- National Association of Professional and Peer Lactation Supporters of Color (NAPPLSC)
- Society for Public Health Education
- AllianceChicago
- A Better Balance
- SisterReach, and more.

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