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To: Honorable Members of the Senate Health & Human Services Committee

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Subject: SB 262 (Schwank)

Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children is the statewide children's advocacy organization in the commonwealth. As a principal partner of Thriving PA, a non-partisan, statewide campaign that seeks to improve the quality of and increase equitable access to a coordinated system of health supports, we strongly encourage your support of Senate Bill 262 (Schwank) which is up for consideration in the Senate Health & Human Services Committee on May 2, 2023. Senate Bill 262 would amend the Maternal Mortality Review Act to enhance data reporting requirements of maternal morbidity complications.

Senate Bill 262 would require the Department of Health to annually publish severe maternal morbidity data utilizing reporting from the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council. The bill would also require the Maternal Mortality Review Committee to categorize maternal deaths and severe maternal morbidity complications as reportable events. As an organization that utilizes data to inform policies and practices, the collection and reporting of maternal morbidity data can help inform policies that will reduce instances of maternal morbidity and mortality.

We appreciate your consideration and if you have any further questions please feel free to contact Kati Brillhart, Government Affairs Director at Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children, at kbrillhart@papartnerships.org.