

March 21, 2019

The Honorable Barbara Lee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Lee and Congresswoman DeLauro:

On behalf of national, state, and local organizations, we are writing to thank you for your leadership in introducing the Lee-DeLauro End Diaper Need Act of 2019 (H.R.1846).

Diapers are critical to the health of infants and toddlers, as well as the economic and emotional health of families. Without enough diapers each day, infants and toddlers are at risk of skin infections, open sores, urinary tract infections, and other conditions that may require medical attention. However, despite the obvious necessity, many families struggle to meet their diaper needs. Infants go through 10 to 12 diapers each day and toddlers go through 6 to 8 each day, costing families an average of \$70 to \$80 a month.

Nearly half of infants and toddlers in the U.S. are living in low-income families. This means over 5 million young children are living in families that have a hard time affording their basic needs, including diapers for their young children. According to the Center for Economic and Policy Research, the poorest 20 percent of families spend 14 percent of their income on diapers. The National Diaper Bank Network estimates that overall, 1 in 3 families struggle with diaper need.

Diaper need can prohibit parents from accessing child care, since many child care providers require parents to provide clean diapers for their children. Parents and guardians who lack access to child care for their young children struggle to maintain employment and provide for their family.

The Lee-DeLauro End Diaper Need Act would address diaper need in the U.S. by creating \$100 million block grant program to fund demonstration projects aimed at helping low-income families and evaluating scalable strategies that have the promise to eradicate diaper need.

We are grateful for your leadership in making children and families a legislative priority and strongly support H.R.1846. We look forward to working with you to move this important policy forward.

Sincerely,

National Endorsing Organizations: African American Health Alliance, Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs, Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN), Center for Law and Social Policy, Coalition on Human Needs (CHN), First Focus, In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda, Moms Rising, National Association of Social Workers (NASW), National Diaper Bank Network (NDBN), National Women's Law Center (NWLC), NETWORK, Parents as Teachers National Center, Results International, The Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, Western Center on Law and Poverty, and ZERO TO THREE.

State and Local Endorsing Organizations

Alabama

The Second Beginning (AL-01)
Bundles of Hope (AL-06)

Arizona

Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona (AZ-02)
Diaper Bank of Central Arizona (AZ-07,
AZ-09)

California

Lighthouse Counseling & Family Resource
Center (CA-01, CA-04)
Sweet Beginnings Family Resource Center (CA-
05)
SupplyBank.org (CA-13)
Help a Mother Out (CA-17)
Baby2Baby (CA-28, CA-33, CA-37)
San Diego Food Bank (CA-49, CA-52)
Western Center on Law and Poverty (CA-1, CA-
2, CA-3, CA-4, CA-5, CA-6, CA-7, CA-8, CA-9,
CA-10, CA-11, CA-12, CA-13, CA-14, CA-15, CA-
16, CA-17, CA-18, CA-19, CA-20, CA-21, CA-22,
CA-23, CA-24, CA-25, CA-26, CA-27, CA-28,
CA-29, CA-30, CA-31, CA-32, CA-33, CA-34,
CA-35, CA-36, CA-37, CA-38, CA-39, CA-40,
CA-41, CA-42, CA-43, CA-44, CA-45, CA-46,
CA-47, CA-48, CA-49, CA-50, CA-51, CA-52,
CA-53)

Colorado

The Nappie Project (CO-02, CO-04)

Connecticut

Connecticut Parents as Teachers (CT-01, CT-
02, CT-03, CT-04, CT-05)
Manchester Youth Service Bureau (CT-01)
The Diaper Bank of Connecticut (CT-01, CT-
02, CT-03, CT-04, CT-05)
Bridgeport Prospers (CT-04)
Norwalk Early Childhood Council (CT-04)
United Way of Coastal Fairfield County
(CT-04)

Delaware

Middletown Diaper Bank (DE-AL)

District of Columbia

Greater DC Diaper Bank (DC-AL, MD-8, VA-8)

Florida

Babycycle Inc. (FL-13)
Junior League of Tampa (FL-14)
Treasure Coast Food Bank (FL-18)
Miami Diaper Bank (FL-24)

Georgia

Helping Mamas (GA-4)
Athens Area Diaper Bank (GA-10)

Hawaii

Hawaii Diaper Bank (HI-02)

Idaho

Idaho Diaper Bank (ID-01, ID-02)

Iowa

Eastern Iowa Diaper Bank (IA-01)

Illinois

Bundled Blessings Diaper Pantry (IL-09)
Twice as Nice Mother & Child (IL-10,
IL-14)
Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank (IL-17)
The Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty
Law (IL-01, IL-02, IL-03, IL-04, IL-5, IL-06,
IL-07, IL-08, IL-09, IL-10, IL-11, IL-13, IL-14,
IL-15, IL-16, IL-17, IL-18)

Indiana

Indiana Diaper Bank (IN-05, IN-07)
All-Options Pregnancy Resource Center (IN-
09)

Kansas

HappyBottoms (KS-03, MO-05)
Jewish Family Services (KS-03)

Louisiana

Junior League of Baton Rouge Diaper Bank
(LA-02, LA-06)

Maine

Michael Klahr Jewish Family Services (ME-01)

Massachusetts

Berkshire Community Diaper Project (MA-01)
Cradles to Crayons (MA-04, MA-07)
A Baby Center (MA-09)

Michigan

St. Luke's Diaper Bank (MI-06)
Metropolitan Detroit Diaper Bank (MI-13)

Minnesota

Shakopee Community Assistance (MN-01, MN-02)

Missouri

Diaper Bank of the Ozarks (MO-07)
Catholic Charities of KCSJ (MO-05)
Community Assistance Council (MO-05)
HappyBottoms (MO-05, KS-03)
Love INC of Clay County (MO-05, MO-06)
Good Samaritan Center (MO-05, MO-06)
Mother & Child Health Coalition (MO-05)
New Madrid County Family Resource Center (MO-08)
Operation Break Through (MO-05)
Rodgers Health (MO-05)
St. Louis Area Diaper Bank (MO-02)
Truelight Family Resource Center (MO-05)
Upper Room Child Development Center (MO-05)

North Carolina

Diaper Bank of North Carolina (NC-01)

Nebraska

The Life House (NE-02)

New Hampshire

Share Fund (NH-01)

New Jersey

Children's Aid and Family Services (NJ-05)
Central Jersey Diaper Bank (NJ-06, NJ-12)
Moms Helping Moms Foundation (NJ-07, NJ-10)
Modestly Cover Diaper Bank (NJ-12)

Nevada

Baby's Bounty (NV-01, NV-03)

New York

Junior League of Rochester Diaper Bank (NY-25)

Every Bottom Covered (NY-26)

Ohio

Baby Basics of Cincinnati (OH-01)
Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank (OH-02)
Hannah's Treasure Chest (OH-12)

Oklahoma

Emergency Infant Services (OK-01, OK-03)

Oregon

PDX Diaper Bank (OR-03, OR-05)

Pennsylvania

Center for Leadership, Development and Advocacy (PA-02)
Pamper and Diaper My Baby (PA-02, PA-13)
Mitzvah Circle Foundation (PA-07, PA-13)
The Philadelphia Diaper Bank (PA-08)
Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank (PA-14)
St. Joseph's Center (PA-17)

Tennessee

Nashville Diaper Connection (TN-05, TN-07)
Sweet Cheeks Diaper Ministry (TN-09)

Texas

Galveston Diaper Bank (TX-14)
Austin Diaper Bank (TX-10, TX-25)
Texas Diaper Bank (TX-21, TX-28, TX-35)
Hope Supply Co. (TX-24, TX-32, TX-33)

Utah

Little Lambs Foundation for Kids (UT-01)
Utah Diaper Bank (UT-1, UT-2, UT-03, UT-04)

Virginia

Capitol Diaper Bank (VA-03, VA-07)

Vermont

Junior League of Champlain Valley Diaper Bank (VT-AL)

Washington

Diaper Bank of Skagit County (WA-02)
Battle Ground Adventist Community Services (WA-03)
WestSide Baby (WA-07)

Wisconsin

Walworth County Food Pantry (WI-04)
BabyCare (WI-06)
Eastern Wisconsin Diaper Bank (WI-08)