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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
U.S. House of Representatives
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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)

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)