

May 9, 2019

The Honorable Tammy Duckworth
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bob Casey
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Duckworth and Senator Casey:

On behalf of national, state, and local organizations, we are writing to thank you for your leadership in introducing the End Diaper Need Act of 2019.

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 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 S. 1404. 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, Child Welfare League of America, Coalition on Human Needs (CHN), First Focus Campaigning for Children, 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
Bundles of Hope

Arizona

Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona
Diaper Bank of Central Arizona

California

Lighthouse Counseling & Family Resource Center
Sweet Beginnings Family Resource Center
SupplyBank.org
Help a Mother Out
Baby2Baby
San Diego Food Bank
Western Center on Law and Poverty

Colorado

The Nappie Project

Connecticut

Connecticut Parents as Teachers
Manchester Youth Service Bureau
The Diaper Bank of Connecticut
Bridgeport Prospers
Norwalk Early Childhood Council
United Way of Coastal Fairfield County

Delaware

Middletown Diaper Bank

District of Columbia

Greater DC Diaper Bank

Florida

Babycycle Inc.
Junior League of Tampa
Treasure Coast Food Bank
Miami Diaper Bank

Georgia

Helping Mamas
Athens Area Diaper Bank

Hawaii

Hawaii Diaper Bank

Idaho

Idaho Diaper Bank

Iowa

Eastern Iowa Diaper Bank

Illinois

Bundled Blessings Diaper Pantry
Twice as Nice Mother & Child
Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank
The Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law

Indiana

Indiana Diaper Bank
All-Options Pregnancy Resource Center

Kansas

HappyBottoms
Jewish Family Services

Louisiana

Junior League of Baton Rouge Diaper Bank

Maine

Michael Klahr Jewish Family Services

Massachusetts

Berkshire Community Diaper Project
Cradles to Crayons
A Baby Center

Michigan

St. Luke's Diaper Bank
Metropolitan Detroit Diaper Bank
The Diaper Alliance

Minnesota

Shakopee Community Assistance

Missouri

Diaper Bank of the Ozarks
Catholic Charities of KCSJ
Community Assistance Council
HappyBottoms
Love INC of Clay County
Good Samaritan Center
Health Teen Network
Mother & Child Health Coalition
New Madrid County Family Resource Center
Operation Break Through
Rodgers Health
St. Louis Area Diaper Bank
Truelight Family Resource Center
Upper Room Child Development Center

North Carolina

Diaper Bank of North Carolina

North Dakota

Great Plains Food Bank

Nebraska

The Life House

New Hampshire

Share Fund

New Jersey

Children's Aid and Family Services
Central Jersey Diaper Bank
Moms Helping Moms Foundation
Modestly Cover Diaper Bank

Nevada

Baby's Bounty

New York

Junior League of Rochester Diaper Bank

Every Bottom Covered

Ohio

Baby Basics of Cincinnati

Columbus Diaper Coalition

Gem City Gives

Hannah's Treasure Chest

Project MKC

Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank

Oklahoma

Emergency Infant Services

Oregon

PDX Diaper Bank

Pennsylvania

Center for Leadership, Development and Advocacy

Pamper and Diaper My Baby

Mitzvah Circle Foundation

The Philadelphia Diaper Bank

Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank

St. Joseph's Center

Tennessee

Nashville Diaper Connection

Sweet Cheeks Diaper Ministry

Texas

Galveston Diaper Bank

Austin Diaper Bank

Texas Diaper Bank

Hope Supply Co.

Utah

Little Lambs Foundation for Kids

Utah Diaper Bank

Virginia

Capitol Diaper Bank

Vermont

Junior League of Champlain Valley Diaper Bank

Washington

Diaper Bank of Skagit County

Battle Ground Adventist Community Services

WestSide Baby

Wisconsin

Walworth County Food Pantry

BabyCare

Eastern Wisconsin Diaper Bank