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The Honorable Greg Walden
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Walden,

I am writing to you on behalf of Johnson & Johnson in support of the *Preventing Maternal Deaths Act* and to thank the Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee for holding the hearing, "Better Data and Better Outcomes: Reducing Maternal Mortality in the U.S.," to call attention to this complex and wide-ranging problem. We believe this hearing is a positive step forward to help address a worsening health crisis affecting families across the country.

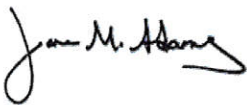
In just 14 years (2000 to 2014), America has suffered a staggering 26 percent increase in its maternal mortality rate, many of which occur from mostly preventable causes like preeclampsia and obstetric hemorrhage. Of nations with advanced economies, the United States stands alone in experiencing increases in mortality rates. Other countries also seeing increases are South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Along with the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American College of Nurse-Midwives, and the March of Dimes, Johnson & Johnson believes that a crucial part of the U.S. solution to this problem includes utilizing higher quality data, and expert review of maternal death cases by effective maternal mortality review committees (MMRCs). MMRCs study local maternal death cases with the goal of identifying ways to make pregnancies safer, prevent loss of life, and ultimately save families from this tragedy.

Congress can advance the health of mothers and families by working for swift passage of the Preventing Maternal Deaths Act, which will commit \$58 million through the Public Health Service Act to support states and to establish and improve maternal mortality review committees helping to prevent pregnancy related deaths and reduce disparities in care.

We are pleased to support this legislation, because Johnson & Johnson is committed to changing the trajectory of health for humanity and believe good health is the foundation of vibrant lives, thriving communities and forward progress. That's why for more than 130 years, Johnson & Johnson has aimed to keep people well at every age and every stage of life. Today, as the world's largest and most broadly-based health care company, we are committed to using our reach and size for good. Working together, we can work to reduce the number of maternal mortality deaths in the U.S. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me for further information.

Sincerely,



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