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Statement on the Passage of the Data Mapping to Save Moms' Lives Act

12/20/22 – Last week, the U.S. Senate passed the Data Mapping to Save Moms' Lives Act, a bill requiring the FCC to incorporate maternal health outcomes into its broadband maps, aiming to expand broadband access to areas with poor maternal health outcomes. Strengthened broadband infrastructure will expand access to telehealth services, which can improve maternal health outcomes.

NPWH Board Chair, Dr. Shawana Moore, issued the following statement:

"We're thrilled to see the passage of the Data Mapping to Save Moms' Lives Act. Telehealth is a powerful tool that can help expand maternal healthcare, but bandwidth challenges impede access – especially in rural and isolated communities and among already marginalized populations.

Investments in this technology better equip clinicians, like WHNPs, to provide high-quality, equitable perinatal care wherever needed. As providers of routine and high-risk pregnancy care, we celebrate this effort and the lives it will help save."

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Our mission includes protecting and promoting a woman and all individuals' rights to make their own choices regarding their health and well-being within the context of their lived experience and their personal, religious, cultural, and family beliefs.

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