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The Honorable Darlene Taylor
Subcommittee Chairwoman
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health
Georgia House of Representatives
245-B State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

The Honorable Devan Seabough
Vice Chairman
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health
Georgia House of Representatives
109 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Chairwoman Taylor and Vice Chairman Seabough:

On behalf of Health Students Taking Action Together (H-STAT), we write to urge the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health to support an additional \$8.9 million in the FY2027 budget to expand the Georgia Department of Public Health's Home Visiting Program into 145 counties, improving maternal and infant health outcomes across the state. [H-STAT](#) represents the collective voices of hundreds of healthcare students and trainees across Georgia who are dedicated to improving health outcomes for all citizens. We urge the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health to support this funding.

The Home Visiting Program has demonstrated significant benefit for maternal and child health across Georgia. Notable [findings from the program](#) include 96% of enrolled primary caregivers were screened for intimate partner violence within 6 months of enrollment, 72% of enrolled primary caregivers had continuous health insurance coverage for at least 6 months of the year, and 0.2% of enrolled children had an injury-related emergency department visit. These findings demonstrate that the Home Visiting Program plays a vital role in promoting child and maternal health in at-risk communities in Georgia. Several [studies](#) indicate similar home visiting programs across the country are effective at lowering the rate of preterm delivery and reports of child maltreatment. Additionally, participants in these programs noted an increase in prenatal care and a reduction in maternal complications during the pregnancy, thus [decreasing overall emergency healthcare](#) spending. Expanding this program into 145 counties will improve access to care and strengthen maternal and infant health outcomes. This can be especially helpful for families in rural and high-need communities.

In conclusion, we support funding for the Home Visiting Program, as it improves maternal and child health while lowering overall healthcare costs. Thank you for your consideration of the issue. We look

forward to working with you to promote the health of people in Georgia. If you have any questions, please contact Nicholas Wilson, H-STAT President, at nicholas@healthstatgeorgia.org.

Sincerely,

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Health Students Taking Action Together