

July 31, 2017

Honorable Orrin Hatch
Chairman
Committee on Finance
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Ron Wyden
Ranking Member
Committee on Finance
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Hatch, Ranking Member Wyden:

We write in strong support of the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program. The MIECHV program provides evidence-based home visitation services to mothers and at-risk youth in order to improve health outcomes, prepare children for academic success, reduce domestic violence, decrease rates of children entering the juvenile justice system, increase family economic self-sufficiency, and enhance coordination between local community resources. Additionally, this program helps prevent child abuse, neglect, and injuries and it improves overall quality of life for children and their families.

The MIECHV program provides states with the incentives they need to invest in accountable and proven home visitation programs.

As the Senate Finance Committee continues to work on legislation to extend a number of Medicare, Medicaid, and other health care programs in the coming weeks, we urge you to keep the MIECHV program on the list of priorities.

We look forward to continuing the bipartisan effort to support children and families securing an extension of the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Grassley
U.S. Senator

Robert Menendez
U.S. Senator