



### ***2019 March for Moms National Advocacy Agenda***

March for Moms will educate policymakers on the issues related to:

#### **S. 116 Modernizing Obstetric Medicine Standards Act of 2019 or MOMS Act**

*Introduced by Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand [D-NY]*

Addresses:

- Rising maternal mortality rates, especially for women of color
- Racial disparities in maternity care access and provision
- Need for data collection regarding maternal morbidity and mortality
- Allocation of resources to states to collect data, educate health professions on racial disparities, and address maternal morbidity and mortality

March for Moms will request and work to protect funding for:

- **Preventing Maternal Deaths Act of 2018**
  - The bill establishes a program under which HHS may make grants to states to review maternal deaths via Maternal Mortality Review Committees (MMRCs)
- **Improving Access to Maternity Care amends the Public Health Service Act of 2018**
  - The act requires the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to identify maternity care health professional shortage areas
- **Bringing Postpartum Depression Out of the Shadows Act of 2015**
  - The Act provides federal grants to develop and/or maintain state and community maternal mental health programs for education, screening and treatment of postpartum depression.

**2019 March for Moms State Advocacy Agenda** will continue to support advancing state Maternal Mortality Review Committees, Perinatal Maternal Health and Paid Leave.