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To Whom It May Concern;

March of Dimes-Chicago/Illinois is pleased to support the development of Chicago South Side Birth Center in response to the need for improved access to high quality and safe maternity care services on Chicago's South and Far Southside. Chicago South Side Birth Center has made significant strides to engage a diverse set of perinatal and community partners in a collaborative effort to assess the community needs and identify the priorities of Black birthing people and children on the South Side. The Chicago South Side Birth Center serves as a viable and emergent solution for women, birthing people, and children on the South Side and has the potential to serve as a model for the nation.

March of Dimes' vision of a "*world where every mom and baby is healthy regardless of wealth, race, and geography*" aligns closely with Chicago South Side Birth Center's mission and aim to provide concordant, culturally centered, evidence-based midwifery care alongside families and within the community to improve outcomes, promote wellness, and abundance in whole health.

March of Dimes (MOD-Chicago/Illinois) is committed to the work of addressing disparate maternal and child health rates among Black birthing people and children on the South Side; and remains a champion for Black maternal health across Chicago and Illinois. The Chicago South Side Birth Center will be an integral part of the broader Chicago Community and as a partner in the proposed project, we look forward to collaborating with Chicago South Side Birth Center in achieving these goals and are committed to supporting the Chicago South Side Birth Center to reducing inequities and improve outcomes for birthing persons and infants across Chicago.

Sincerely,

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