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The Honorable Bill Cassidy, MD United States Senate 455 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Todd Young United States Senate 185 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Maggie Hassan United States Senate 324 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Raphael Warnock United States Senate 717 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Cassidy, Hassan, Young, and Warnock:

On behalf of the American College of Cardiology (ACC), thank you for your leadership in advancing maternal health through the bipartisan *Connected Maternal Online Monitoring* (MOM) Act (S. 141). The ACC strongly supports this legislation and commends your efforts to expand access to innovative tools that improve outcomes for pregnant and postpartum women.

Remote patient monitoring plays a critical role in the early detection and management of complications during pregnancy and the postpartum period. Tools such as blood pressure cuffs, glucose monitors, and pulse oximeters can help patients and providers identify issues like preeclampsia and gestational diabetes before they become life-threatening. By identifying barriers to Medicaid coverage for these technologies and equipping states with updated resources and guidance, the *Connected MOM Act* takes an important step toward safer, more equitable maternity care.

Cardiovascular disease is a leading cause of pregnancy-related deaths in the United States. As the voice of the cardiovascular care community, the ACC supports policies that enable enhanced coordination between obstetric and cardiology teams, improve risk factor management, and expand access to timely care. Remote monitoring is a key component of this modernized approach, particularly for patients facing geographic, financial, or logistical barriers to in-person visits.

This legislation also reflects a broader commitment to harnessing digital innovation to strengthen maternal health systems. As the health care system increasingly embraces hybrid and home-based care models, ensuring that Medicaid beneficiaries have access to the same lifesaving technologies as others are essential. The *Connected MOM Act* offers a thoughtful, bipartisan blueprint for how federal policy can empower states to bridge gaps in access and improve maternal and infant outcomes nationwide.

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The Mission of the American College of Cardiology and the American College of Cardiology Foundation is to transform cardiovascular care and improve heart health for all.

We urge swift passage of this important legislation and stand ready to assist in ensuring that its goals are realized. The ACC is committed to working alongside policymakers, clinicians, and state leaders to ensure remote monitoring becomes a standard and accessible component of maternal care. For any questions or additional information, please contact ACC's Congressional Affairs Manager, Foster Curry, at FCurry@acc.org.

Sincerely,

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