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May 10, 2024

The Honorable Blaine Griffin President, Cleveland City Council 601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 216 Cleveland, OH 44114

Subject: Legislation to be Passed Under Suspension on May 20, 2024

Dear Council President Griffin:

We are requesting passage under suspension at the May 20, 2024, City Council Meeting regarding legislation to apply for accept a Healthy Start Initiative grant (MomsFirst) from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

This funding was delayed at the federal level and agencies are at risk of missing reimbursements as a result.

Passage of this legislation will allow the City of Cleveland, Department of Public Health, to continue our partners' work within the City focusing on maternal health and better birth outcomes for both mothers and babies.

Thanks so much for your consideration. I have also discussed this with Councilman Kevin Conwell, Chair of our committee, who expressed his support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dave Margolius, Director Department of Public Health

Approved:

Blaine Griffin, President Cleveland City Council

Cc: Patricia Britt, Clerk of Council

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