The Women's First Research Coalition (WFRC) strongly supports the introduction of the NIH IMPROVE Act by Senators Katie Britt (R-AL) and Cory Booker (D-NJ). This important legislation will provide critical funding for the IMPROVE initiative through the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), which is designed to support research dedicated to reducing preventable maternal morbidity and mortality and improving health for women before, during, and after childbirth. The IMPROVE initiative has led to the creation of the Maternal Health Research Centers of Excellence - a national network focused on maternal morbidity and mortality. We urge Congress to pass this vital legislation to build on the work that the NIH has already done to support the research necessary to improve maternal health outcomes in the U.S.