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Department of Health and Human Services

Office of Management and Budget

Attention: CDC Desk Officer

Re: Assessment and Monitoring of Breastfeeding-Related Maternity Care Practices in Intrapartum Care Facilities (mPINC),

OMB Control No. 0920-0743

Dear OMB Desk Officer,

I am writing to express my strong support for the continued administration of the CDC's Maternity Practices in Infant Nutrition and Care (mPINC) survey.

mPINC is a critical tool for understanding how hospital and birth center maternity care practices support or create barriers to breastfeeding. The practices measured by mPINC, including staff training, clinical routines, and institutional policies, have a direct impact on breastfeeding initiation and early success.

As an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant who works in hospital maternal newborn service, I have seen how hospital practices shape breastfeeding outcomes long after discharge. The confidential, hospital-specific feedback reports generated through mPINC are especially valuable for quality improvement and accountability and help facilities identify concrete opportunities to improve care.

I urge the Office of Management and Budget to approve the reinstatement and continuation of the mPINC survey. Continued investment in mPINC is necessary to support evidence-based improvements in maternity care and to reduce persistent inequities in breastfeeding outcomes.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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