



February 18, 2020

Senator John Stinner, Chair
Members of the Appropriations Committee
Nebraska Legislature

RE: LB901

Chairman Stinner and Members of the Appropriations Committee,

I represent First Five Nebraska, a statewide early childhood policy and advocacy organization. On behalf of First Five Nebraska, I write this letter in support of LB901.

Over the past few months, First Five Nebraska has had the opportunity to work with the Nebraska Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative (NPQIC) on several early childhood initiatives. NPQIC is doing critically important work and we applaud Senator Machaela Cavanaugh's efforts to help this organization continue its mission.

As you may know, NPQIC was founded in 2015 and the organization is focused on improving the delivery and access to quality health care for all Nebraska mothers and newborns. NPQIC accomplishes its work by engaging multiple stakeholders statewide, identifying opportunities to improve maternal and infant health care and implementing quality improvement initiatives. Over the past few years, NPQIC has identified several areas of improvements. Some of their quality improvement initiatives include topics such as preterm births, breastfeeding practices, and severe hypertension in pregnancies. By working with every delivery hospital in the state, NPQIC can help improve the quality of care that all newborns and mothers receive in Nebraska.

Again, we are grateful for Senator Cavanaugh's leadership and her dedication to ensuring that Nebraska mothers and newborns receive quality care in a timely manner. We hope that you will advance LB901 to General File.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Jason Prokop". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jason Prokop
Director
First Five Nebraska