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The Honorable Bill Cassidy
United States Senate
520 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
United States Senate
709 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Sens. Cassidy and Baldwin,

On behalf of our nation’s children’s hospitals and the patients and families we serve, we want to thank you for introducing the *Early Detection to Stop Infant Abuse and Prevent Fatalities Act*. We applaud you for raising awareness around early detection and prevention of abuse.

Child abuse and neglect threaten the basic health and well-being of millions of American children every year. Children’s hospitals are uniquely positioned to combat this national health crisis; whether an abused child shows up in an emergency department or abuse or neglect is suspected during a home visit, all children’s hospitals have a responsibility to provide immediate care.

The Children’s Hospital Association supports efforts to improve best practices around early detection and management of injuries indicative of potential abuse in infants. Recent studies indicate that early recognition and detection of minor injuries, including bruising, could prevent secondary abuse.

On behalf our membership, we thank you again for introducing this legislation and for your ongoing dedication to improving and protecting children’s health.

Sincerely,

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