

“ACOG is proud to once again endorse the Stillbirth Health Improvement and Education (SHINE) for Autumn Act to advance needed research and standardize data collection on stillbirths in the United States,” said Verda Hicks, MD, FACOG, president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG).

“Stillbirth prevention is a responsibility shared broadly, and it has been a priority for ACOG and its member obstetrician-gynecologists across the country for some time. While we know the risk factors, the causes of stillbirth are complex and multifactorial. To this day, a significant number remain unexplained. Therefore, the focus must be on conducting more research in order to understand the causes, including the racial and ethnic disparities in stillbirth rates that continue to devastate families and communities. We thank Representatives Kim, Castor, Joyce, and Kelly and Senators Booker and Rubio for reintroducing this important legislation and hope it will be signed into law one day soon.”

-Verda Hicks, MD FACOG, President, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)

“One of the greatest joys of practicing maternal-fetal medicine is helping expecting parents bring healthy babies into the world,” said Tony Scisionne, DO, President of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine. “Conversely, one of the most difficult things that maternal-fetal medicine subspecialists do is comfort families as they try to understand why their baby was stillborn. For patients and clinicians, there are far too many questions and far too few answers. That is why the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine supports the Stillbirth Health Improvement and Education (SHINE) for Autumn Act. We commend Senator Cory Booker and Senator Marco Rubio for championing legislation that will improve our understanding of stillbirth and help prevent future tragedies.”

-Tony Scisionne, DO, President, Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine

“Now more than ever, women deserve healthcare providers who are experts in their unique needs and leaders for a just, healthy, and equitable world.”

-Shawana S. Moore, DNP, APRN, WHNP-BC, PNAP, Board President, National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women’s Health (NPWH)

“We are proud to support the SHINE for Autumn Act as an organization that is committed to increasing stillbirth awareness in our community and statewide. Knowing the lifelong ramifications of stillbirth on a family we are obligated to

work on this issue to ensure all families have the best possible chance for a positive birth outcome.”

-Robyn D'Oria MA, RNC, APN, CEO, Central Jersey Family Health Consortium

“Every year, about 21,000 babies are stillborn and studies show that 25 percent of deaths are preventable. What’s more, the mothers of those babies face a greater likelihood of depression and other severe morbidities or death. The SHINE for Autumn Act is the first step in ending preventable stillbirth through enhanced data collection, analysis, reporting, and research. The bill will go a long way to ensuring that we better understand stillbirth and help us save the lives of more babies.”

-Stacey Y. Brayboy, Senior Vice President of Public Policy and Government Affairs, March of Dimes

“Thank you to the bipartisan sponsors of the SHINE for Autumn Act for their dedication to help reduce the devastation of stillbirth in the US through crucial research and increased awareness and education.”

-Marti Perhach, CEO/Cofounder, Group B Strep International

“Stillbirth remains one of our most underfunded and understudied public health issues. It’s time not just to bring this issue out of the shadows, but also for meaningful action. MomsRising members urge Congress to pass the bipartisan Stillbirth Health Improvement and Education for Autumn (SHINE for Autumn) Act.”

-Tina Sherman, Senior Campaign Director, MomsRising

“March for Moms lends its wholehearted support for the reintroduction of the SHINE for Autumn Act to address the stillbirth crisis in the U.S. It is time to use all our resources and address this largely preventable problem.”

-Yuliya Labko, MSN, CNM, Policy Director, March for Moms

“Every day in the US, 60 families will experience stillbirth directly, leaving a legacy of loss and heartbreak that lasts a lifetime. The US urgently needs the Stillbirth Health Improvement and Education (SHINE) for Autumn Act to prevent these deaths and reduce this suffering. For too long families have suffered in silence and the healthcare system has struggled to respond effectively.”

-Leith Greenslade, CEO, Just Actions

"The Iris Fund proudly supports The Shine for Autumn Act. Data collection, research, and educational awareness are critical to finally moving the needle in the right direction on stillbirth."

-Brittney Crystal, Founder, The Iris Fund

"Southern New Jersey Perinatal Cooperative joins its sister maternal-child health consortia of NJ in pledging our unwavering support for the Stillbirth Health Improvement and Education (SHINE) for Autumn Act. Stillbirth causes overwhelming and long-lasting trauma for families, and there is significant work to be done in elevating this crisis in our country. Our fight will not be over until there are improved efforts around the quality of data collected, more research, and increased awareness and education."

-Jennie Sherlock-Loeb MSN, RNC-OB, Clinical & Professional Education Director, Southern New Jersey Perinatal Cooperative

"Three Little Birds Pregnancy & Infant Loss Support stands in solidarity with SHINE and other perinatal bereavement advocates to support this bill to help the one in four families whose reality includes stillbirth. Thank you to the 2 Degrees Foundation for their tireless work to shatter the stigma of loss and make effective change in supporting perinatal loss families."

-Kristen Samuelson, Co-Founder & Executive Director, Three Little Birds Pregnancy & Infant Loss Support

"The SHINE for Autumn Act is a critical step in getting the clearest picture of stillbirth in America. It will improve data collection, which we can then turn into action to save lives. I applaud the leads of this bill, as well as the thousands of advocates across the country who are raising the volume on this silent crisis."

-Emily Price, CEO, Healthy Birth Day, Inc / Count the Kicks

"The Shane Foundation exists because of "Stillbirth Fast Fact #4" "Women who experience a stillbirth are more likely to die after delivery and severe morbidity is nearly 5 times more common than in women whose babies are born alive."

-Roberta Gold, Co-Founder, The Shane Foundation

"In 1978 after my son Christopher was born still, my doctor said he thought it would probably be ten years before research would finally find the reason for

stillbirth. Almost twenty years later I learned stillbirth data was not always gathered, and data collected was not consistent from state to state. We were no closer to learning how to prevent stillbirth. Since my son's stillbirth our nation has lost over one million more babies to stillbirth. Finally, forty-five years later we have the opportunity to take a huge step toward saving lives. It all begins with collecting information that can provide stats and data for proper research. The SHARE Act provides us not only hope, but action toward saving our future children from this tragic epidemic.”

-Pat Flynn, PhD, CEO, First Breath

“As an organization geared toward supporting families after stillbirth, I am very familiar with the high rates of stillbirth and the communities it impacts most. The passing of SHINE will create an accountability system for stillbirth that our country desperately needs and has overlooked for decades. Simply put, SHINE will save lives and pave the way for stronger prenatal practices.”

-Elizabeth O’Donnell, CEO, Aaliyah in Action

“We endorse Stillbirth Health Improvement and Education (SHINE) for Autumn Act (H.R. 5487/S. 3972).”

-Bruce Morgan, President, NAACP New Brunswick Area

“Please support the SHINE for Autumn Act because no one should ever feel alone on their grief journey.”

-Reva Judas, Director, NechamaComfort

“At PUSH our mission is to end preventable stillbirth in the US. The SHINE for Autumn Act is imperative to achieve this goal. We must improve our processes of data collection and drive national attention to this health crisis.”

-Allie Felker, Policy Director, PUSH for Empowered Pregnancy