

# Maternal Mortality Candidate Questionnaire

This form has been created to address your candidate's stance on maternal mortality. There are five sections of the questionnaire, with a total of 15 questions. It should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete.

Please fill out the form as completely as possible to outline the knowledge, beliefs, actions and future plans of your candidate regarding the public health issue of maternal mortality. Responses will be made public on our website. Please complete the questionnaire by September 18, 2020.

Candidate first and last name \*

Madelyn Hoffman

What race (election) and/or district is your candidate running for? \*

U.S. Senate

What are the city and state of your campaign headquarters? \*

Flanders, New Jersey

## Knowledge and Awareness of Maternal Mortality

Please complete to the best of your ability.

Is your candidate aware of public health initiatives to address maternal mortality in their state?

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- Yes
- No
- No position

What is your candidate's level of knowledge about maternal mortality in their state? Please respond on a scale of 1-5, with 1 = no knowledge to 5 = very knowledgeable about this issue. \*

- 1 - No knowledge about issue
- 2 - Limited knowledge about issue
- 3 - Some knowledge about issue
- 4 - Knowledgeable about issue
- 5 - Very knowledgeable about issue

### Support of Maternal Mortality Initiatives

Please complete to the best of your ability.

Does your candidate support legislation related to addressing maternal mortality health disparities? \*

- Yes
- No
- No position

How is your candidate supporting maternal morality in their state? Provide any additional information about their current support for this public health issue.

I support efforts of HEAT to call attention to this issue -- and will include the issue as part of an discussion I might have on the issue of racial injustice and income inequality.

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### Actions Taken in Support of Maternal Mortality Initiatives

Please fill out to the best of your ability.

Has your candidate addressed maternal mortality in their campaign platform or do they plan to do so in the future? \*

- Yes
- No
- No position

If your candidate has addressed maternal mortality in their campaign platform, please provide link to campaign platform page.

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Has your candidate made a public statement about maternal mortality? \*

- Yes
- No
- Not yet, but we are planning to.

If your candidate has made a public statement about maternal mortality, please provide a link to the statement.

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Has your candidate voted in favor of maternal mortality related bills or public health measures in their current role or past positions? \*

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

If your candidate has voted in favor of maternal mortality bills or measures, please provide applicable link(s).

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## Future Plans and Actions

Please complete to the best of your ability.

If elected, will your candidate support policies that address maternal mortality in their state? \*

- Yes
- No
- No Position/Unsure

Is there anything else you would like to add about your candidate's support of policies aimed at addressing maternal mortality?

My campaign has received inquiries on my plans for addressing maternal mortality and I have responded that I will support policies aimed at addressing maternal mortality -- and that I have learned a lot through filling out this questionnaire. Thank you to Doctors of the World for calling my attention to this matter. Please let my campaign know how we can assist in getting the word out to the public.

This is an extremely important issue that gets very little attention in the state of New Jersey. It is, at its root, a function of income inequality and racial disparity in the availability and disbursement of health care and health insurance. The fact that the U.S. still does not have a single-payer health insurance system, one that could be created by improving and expanding Medicare and making it available to all, is, in a word, criminal. The lack of affordable housing, the increasing problem of homelessness and unemployment, student loan debt and many other economic pressures, disproportionately affects low-to-moderate income people, and thus mother mortality rates. It is tragic that information about how the U.S. compares with other similar countries is not more widely known. In just a few minutes of research, I found out much that makes me very concerned about this problem here in the U.S. I am extremely grateful to Doctors of the World for bringing this issue to my attention and would be glad to assist in disseminating information or speaking out on this vital issue.

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