

# 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 \*

Dartanyon A. Williams

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

Congressional District 6 of Louisiana, U.S. House of Representatives

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

Baton Rouge, La

## 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.

As a girl dad, women's healthcare is of the utmost importance to myself and my campaign. America's healthcare system has continuously failed women of color. Our country has a dark and vile history regarding women's health, particularly reproductive health and sustainability. As a congressman, I plan to introduce the Faircare Healthcare Act to expand healthcare services for vulnerable communities. In sum, the bill will provide full healthcare coverage to citizens who are otherwise left out or forced to pay out of pocket. The Act will provide full healthcare coverage, including dental, vision care, mental health care, and prescription drugs.

Moreover, the act will provide extended coverage for all pregnant individuals, and the bill will provide supplemental support for families of pregnant individuals of lower socioeconomic statuses. Additionally, I plan to fully advocate for funding holistic reproductive care services and nonprofit organizations for communities of color. This will include doula and midwifery education for black and brown women because they have the highest death rates during child labor and birth. There is a disproportionate birth death rate in this country, and particularly in Louisiana. Women in Louisiana are dying at alarming rates, and I am committed to ensuring that I am a voice for women.

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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?

The Dartanyon A. Williams Campaign for Congress is committed to addressing the maternal mortality issue in Louisiana and the nation. I am dedicated to serving as a bridge of enlightenment for my colleagues and constituents. As a congressman, I will fight to safeguard women in every way possible, including but not limited to supporting community-based resources, allocating funding for existing organizations, and implementing necessary legislation. Additionally, this is an area of human rights that I am educating myself on each day. I am open to any education sources that will better assist me in advocating for women.

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