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To: Dane County Personnel and Finance Committee

I am writing to express my support for Amendment#P&F-O-03, which proposes allocating \$50,000 to the Saving Our Babies initiative through funding to the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness.

A contribution of \$50,000 would provide crucial funding for this important endeavor that aims to address the significant disparities in birth outcomes between white and Black birthing individuals and babies, which are currently the worst in the nation.

The Foundation for Black Women's Wellness and EQT By Design conducted an assessment with extensive community outreach and engagement to understand the underlying causes of low birth weight among Black infants. The nine-month study revealed that stressed Black family systems, generational struggles for economic security and stability, and institutional racism and bias are the main contributors to inequities in low birth weight and mortality.

Following the assessment and publication of the report, the FFBWW, along with its partners EQT By Design and the Health Council, has continued to collaborate in implementing solutions that prioritize the experiences and needs of Black mothers in addressing the root causes and reversing the trends of low birth weight and mortality among Black infants. The funding provided by this amendment will further support the following changes to the system:

- Increasing the number and presence of African-American doulas and community health workers.
- Continued support of the Black Maternal Health Alliance.
- Sustaining engagement, education and communication to high need zipcodes.

This amendment further amplifies Dane County's commitment to reducing and addressing the disparities in birth outcomes for Black birthing individuals and babies.

Thank you for your support!

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