



Access to Donor Milk Act

HMBANA has led an advocacy effort in Congress to introduce a bill to support nonprofit donor milk at the federal level. The bill, the Access to Donor Milk Act, has been introduced in the House and Senate by a bipartisan group of Members of Congress. See the current cosponsors in the House [here](#), and Senate [here](#). Please see [here](#) for a full summary of the Access to Donor Milk Act.

The legislation would:

- Allow state agencies to use Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) funding to promote the need for and benefits of donor milk, and allow WIC funds to support donor milk activities in states;
- Provide emergency capacity funding (\$3 million) for milk banks, in the event there is a rapid increase in demand for donor milk, as occurred during the 2022 formula shortage;
- Create a donor milk awareness program at the Department of Health and Human Services (\$1 million) to educate the public on donor milk and nonprofit milk banks, and to publicize the need for donor milk; and
- Require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to draft guidance that addresses appropriate standards for collection, processing, handling, transfer, and storage of donor milk. It also requires the Secretary to convene a public meeting to inform this guidance.

The Access to Donor Milk Act is supported by numerous national organizations, including:

1,000 Days, an Initiative of FHI Solutions	Medela LLC
2020 Mom	Mom Congress
African American Breastfeeding Network	MomsRising
American Academy of Family Physicians	National Lactation Consultant Alliance
American Academy of Pediatrics	National Partnership for Women & Families
American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians	National WIC Association
American Osteopathic Association	National Women's Health Network
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs	NEC Society
Human Milk Banking Association of North America	Reaching Our Sisters Everywhere
Institute for the Advancement of Breastfeeding & Lactation Education	The Lactation Network
March of Dimes	US Breastfeeding Committee
Maternal Mental Health Leadership Alliance	United States Lactation Consultant Association
	University of California
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HMBANA has prepared an advocacy toolkit to assist in reaching out to your Members of Congress in support of the Access to Donor Milk Act. The toolkit includes talking points, guidance on how to hold a meeting with your Member of Congress and/or their staff, and email templates. Toolkit [here](#). Contact our federal lobbyist, Sarah Bolton, at sbolton@rabengroup.com with any questions.