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**Women Creating Change Celebrates Governor’s Commitment to Addressing Maternal Health Inequities**

(NEW YORK) – Women Creating Change (WCC) released the statement below following [Governor Kathy Hochul’s announcement](#) regarding New York State’s latest investment in maternal health services, with a particular focus on those communities that experience the greatest maternal health disparities:

“WCC applauds Governor Hochul’s commitment to addressing the unacceptable maternal health inequities in our state. In New York City, for example, Black women are nine times more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes than white women. These investments will bring us closer to a New York in which birthing people—no matter their income level, race, age, or disability status—can receive the health care and support they need to thrive.

For more than a century, since opening the nation’s first maternity center, WCC has advocated for policies that strengthen reproductive justice. We remain committed to addressing the pressing equity issues of our time. We welcome the State’s investment in comprehensive maternal health services and doula care.”

**About Women Creating Change:**

Founded in 1915, Women Creating Change (formerly Women’s City Club of New York) is a nonprofit, non-partisan, activist organization committed to advancing women’s rights and shaping the future of New York City. Today, Women Creating Change is a diverse community that collaborates with stakeholders and organizations, with a focus on historically disenfranchised women. Our mission is to develop and strengthen the skills and resources needed for women to effectively identify and advocate for the issues that matter most to them and to New York’s most diverse communities. Our vision is a more just and equitable New York City where all women are civically engaged.