

January 16, 2024 (House Rules)

## **STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY**

H.R. 6918 – Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act

(Rep. Fischbach, R-MN, and 15 cosponsors)

The Administration strongly opposes H.R. 6918. Contrary to its purported purpose, this bill would divert federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds from effective supports for pregnant and parenting women and families. The bill seeks to prevent the Department of Health and Human Services from even considering commonsense program-integrity measures that ensure that the use of federal TANF funds is consistent with federal law and the long-standing purposes set by Congress.

Members of Congress from both parties have recognized the importance of ensuring that federal TANF funds serve their intended purposes, and the Department's proposal would merely ensure that federal TANF funds are used consistent with the statutory requirements. The Administration remains committed to supporting the economic security, health, and well-being of women and families across the country.

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