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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, **Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC-12)** will cast a vote for the *Build Back Better Act* and send President Biden's landmark legislation to the United States Senate. The *Build Back Better Act* includes victories for higher education and maternal health secured by Adams and based on her legislation.

[**A fact sheet on the *Build Back Better Act*'s \\$10 billion investment in HBCUs and MSIs is available here.**](#)

[**More information about the *Momnibus* provisions in the *Build Back Better Act* is available here.**](#)

Adams released the following statement on the legislation:

"The *Build Back Better Act* is about creating jobs, strengthening families, and saving lives. It lowers the cost of childcare and guarantees universal Pre-K, which will help parents reenter the workforce. It lessens the burden of elder care so children can honor their parents while pursuing a career. It reduces childhood hunger, extends the Child Tax Credit tax cut, and builds affordable housing across the country so our children are safe and ready to learn in school. *Build Back Better* also secures a future for our children and grandchildren by making a historic investment in the fight against climate change – an investment that will save lives

and create jobs. In my home state of North Carolina and states that haven't expanded Medicaid, the bill will close the Medicaid gap, expanding health insurance access to the people who need it most.

"I'm especially proud to have secured a transformative \$10 billion investment in Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs) in the package— the largest such investment in American history. This includes an unprecedented infrastructure grant program that will allow HBCUs and MSIs to make substantial investments in their research infrastructure as they prepare the next generation of STEM graduates. Additionally, these funds will lower the cost of college and give more minority students access to high-tech, high-paying jobs. Thank you to Education & Labor Committee Chairman Bobby Scott for his leadership on these critical provisions, and to Congressional Black Caucus Chair Joyce Beatty for her tireless work for HBCUs, Black Maternal Health, and countless other equity measures in the *Build Back Better Act*."

"Finally, as the co-founder and Co-Chair of the Black Maternal Health Caucus, I'm proud to say the *Build Back Better Act* includes all eligible provisions of our *Momnibus* legislation and permanently expands yearlong postpartum Medicaid and CHIP coverage in every state. The maternal mortality and morbidity crisis in this country is unacceptable, but the *Build Back Better Act* gets us closer to a world where every parent who enters the maternity ward and every child born in America makes it home safe. I especially want to thank my co-chair, Congresswoman Lauren Underwood, our co-lead on the *Momnibus*, Senator Cory Booker, and our original co-lead on the *Momnibus*, Vice President Kamala Harris, for their tireless leadership for mothers everywhere.

"With the inclusion of the *Momnibus* and multiple measures to expand Medicaid and health insurance coverage, the *Build Back Better Act* will save lives. With the inclusion of historic investments in HBCUs and MSIs, *Build Back Better* will lower the cost of college and create good jobs. I am proud to support this landmark legislation."

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