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Maternal morbidity and mortality is a critical issue in the United States and has obvious effects on children, communities and society. This issue is dedicated to discussing existing policies and how they may impact maternal morbidity and mortality.

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