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### **Capps, Christy Turlington Burns and Others to Highlight Efforts To Reduce Maternal Mortality** *Will Discuss New Capps Legislation to Address Issue*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** –Tomorrow, Rep. Lois Capps, Christy Turlington Burns, CARE Advocate for Maternal Health and Documentary Director of NO WOMAN, NO CRY, Cathy Woolard of CARE, and Theresa Shaver of the White Ribbon Alliance will highlight the introduction of the Global Maternal and newborn health Outcomes while Maximizing Successes Act (Global MOMS Act), which would authorize greater assistance for global maternal health efforts and better coordinate ongoing activities.

**“Safe motherhood should be a basic right for all women. We have a moral obligation to make the right investments to ensure that all women, no matter where they live, have access to basic, life-saving care. The Global MOMS Act would create a comprehensive strategy that better coordinates our efforts on the ground in the countries that need our assistance most,”** said Capps.

Hundreds of thousands of women die each year from causes related to pregnancy and childbirth. Ninety-nine percent of these deaths occur in the developing world and the vast majority is preventable. For every maternal death, approximately 20 women—or 10,000,000 women per year—suffer complications with severe consequences. In 2000, the United States joined 188 other countries in supporting 8 United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), including MDG 5, to reduce the maternal mortality ratio by three quarters by 2015. To date, MDG 5 has made the least amount of progress.

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Christy Turlington Burns  
Cathy Woolard, Executive Vice President, Global Advocacy And External Relations, CARE  
Theresa Shaver, President/Executive Director of White Ribbon Alliance

**WHAT:** Press Conference To Highlight the Introduction of the Global MOMS bill

**WHERE:** House Triangle  
(House Side of the Capitol’s East Front)

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 AM-10:30 AM