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**CBC Health Braintrust Chair Dr. Robin Kelly Recognizes
June as Men's Health Month**

U.S. Congresswoman Robin Kelly (D-IL), chair of the Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust, today issued the following statement in recognition of Men's Health Month.

"This June, we recognize Men's Health Month to promote the health and wellness of men and boys, and to encourage them to take control of their health.

Men die at higher rates than women from the top 10 causes of death, dying almost five years earlier than women on average. From heart disease to cancer, stroke to diabetes, men die at high rates from illnesses that can be successfully treated when detected early. However, women are 100% more likely to visit the doctor for annual preventative services than men.

Black men, in particular, have the lowest life expectancy of all groups. Men are also at higher risk of homicide, with black males having the highest risk at every 1 in 30, as compared to white men who have a 1 in 179 chance of being a victim of homicide.

We must do more to prioritize men's health needs, including promoting preventative health measures and social supports to encourage healthier lifestyles. As Chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus' Health Braintrust, I'm working with Congress and stakeholders to promote strategies to improve health outcomes for men in America."

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The Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust is the authority on African American and minority health disparities on Capitol Hill. The Braintrust is tasked with creating legislative and policy solutions to reduce health disparities and promote good health outcomes in multicultural communities.