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National Safe Haven Alliance (NSHA) AI Project Strengthens Efforts to Protect Newborns

Chicago, IL— The Save Abandoned Babies Foundation and the National Safe Haven Alliance (NSHA) have taken a major step toward strengthening Safe Haven laws and protecting newborns nationwide through the creation of the Safe Haven AI Project, developed in collaboration with Mint Creative Studios LLC. This first-of-its-kind system in the nation uses artificial intelligence and data technology to collect, analyze, and visualize Safe Haven case information across the United States.

Since 2001, Illinois has led the nation through its Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act, which allows parents to safely and anonymously relinquish their newborns at designated hospitals, police stations, or fire stations without fear of prosecution. Safe Haven laws, supported by decades of advocacy and education, have saved over 5,000 lives. Yet the absence of unified data has made it difficult to measure the law's national impact or identify where greater awareness is needed.

The Safe Haven AI Project addresses this challenge by introducing a secure, internal, intelligent database that brings together information from every state in real time. The project aims to help NSHA provide legislators, advocates, and researchers with accurate, transparent data to support policy reform and life-saving initiatives. Though it's an internal-only, secure system, it will have the capability to generate reports for the public that can inform lawmakers, state and national agencies, and help shape future legislation.

"This project has been a collaborative effort between our advocacy organizations and Mint Creative Studios LLC and will provide us with more consistent data and the ability to visualize it," said Dawn Geras, founder of the Save Abandoned Babies Foundation. Leah Kipley from NSHA added, "This is an exciting development for us. This innovative tool is a long-time dream of ours and will strengthen the national data collection on illegal infant abandonment and Safe Haven surrender cases and provide us with valuable insights into how these laws are working across states." According to Heather Burner, "We're grateful to Mint Creative Studios for their commitment to this project. It's been inspiring to see their passion and the collaborative spirit they bring to this work."

Developed by Mint Creative Studios LLC, the system represents an ongoing national initiative that blends compassion with innovation. Founder Nana Kofi Minta Addadzi-Koom described it as "a top priority in data preservation and strengthening legislation and demonstrating how AI can serve the public good."

As funding permits, NSHA aims to further expand the internal Safe Haven AI Database with a range of advanced capabilities, including real-time dashboards, comprehensive legislative updates, state-by-state reports, and the infrastructure needed for more accurate and robust national data. A key objective of this initiative is to deepen collaboration between NSHA and state agencies to ensure data alignment and strengthen infant abandonment prevention efforts nationwide. This project exemplifies how advocacy and innovation—working hand in hand—can drive meaningful and enduring change for generations to come.