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The United States Breastfeeding Committee (USBC) sends its condolences to all mothers and babies affected by the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina.

- The USBC urges all mothers who are breastfeeding to continue to do so for as long as possible to protect their infants from infection and disease.
- The USBC encourages all health care workers to assist breastfeeding women to continue to nurse their infants.

For information about Infant and Small Child Feeding in Emergencies, use the link on the United States Breastfeeding Committee's website home page at www.usbreastfeeding.org.

The USBC is a collaborative coalition of organizations, representing government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and health professional organizations. Guided by its mission to improve the Nation's health by working collaboratively to protect, promote, and support breastfeeding, the USBC continues to work to achieve the national breastfeeding goals of 75% of all newborns initiating breastfeeding, 50% still exclusively breastfeeding at six months, and 25% continuing at one year and beyond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Audrey J. Naylor', is written in a cursive style.

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