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NATIONAL ADVOCACY CENTER
Rise Up AND Act for Justice

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Trump Republican Shutdown Putting Lives at Risk

"The National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd are disappointed that our elected officials again have failed to fulfill their duties and are appalled that the ramifications of this failure are going to be felt by those whom government is supposed to be serving and protecting," said Lawrence E. Couch, Director of the National Advocacy Center.

"In particular, this dangerous government shutdown can be placed at the feet of the Republican leadership," Couch continued. We call upon the Administration and the Republican leadership to immediately reach an agreement that includes passing the DREAM Act, fully funding and reauthorizing CHIP (the Children's Health Insurance Program), funding desperately needed disaster relief for the citizens of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands and passing a budget that protects critical non-defense programs from sequestration.

"The primary consideration to supporting or opposing legislation should be on how it will affect people living in poverty, the vulnerable, those in need. If we are to pursue the common good, the needs of poor people must be front and center. To whom much is given, much is expected. Our Senators and Members of the House need to demonstrate moral vision and fortitude and get down to business," said Couch.

[The National Advocacy Center](#) educates and advocates on social justice issues for the transformation of society to the benefit of all people reflecting the spirituality, history and mission of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. NAC advocates at the Federal level for people living in poverty, immigrants, victims of human trafficking, victims of domestic abuse, and other vulnerable populations.

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd was founded in France in 1835 and are in over 70 countries on 5 continents and have had a presence in the United States for over 175 years. With a presence in 22 states and 1 U. S. Territory, the Sisters and their Lay Mission Partners have dedicated themselves to serving girls, women and families who experience poverty, exploitation, vulnerability and marginalization.

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