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NAC Urges Congress to Cross the Finish Line *Implement Responsible Spending Practices & Avoid another Shutdown*

The National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd calls on the House and Senate to pass the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations bill, avert another government shutdown and appropriate monies to protect those seeking security.

"The public is weary and migrants and asylum seekers are afraid. Another government shutdown, set for this Friday, must be averted. But beyond that, Congress and the President must finish their work – they must cross the finish line by passing legislation worthy of those who would be affected by the actions and policies of the Department of Homeland Security," said Lawrence E. Couch, Director of the National Advocacy Center.

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

Monies funding detentions, deportations, border militarization and barrier construction must not be increased for Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs & Border Protection (CBP). Rather, money should be appropriated to increase asylum access and child protections, in addition to investing in community-based alternatives to detention, legal services and addressing the root causes of migration, such as poverty and violence in the Northern Triangle.

[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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