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**Huge Win for Women!**

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Thank you to the House of Representatives for passing in overwhelming numbers the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act. This vote respects both the dignity of the worker and the dignity of the human person.

It also is reassuring to see members of both sides of the aisle – Democrats and Republicans – come together for the good of others and for socially just legislation.

The National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, the Good Shepherd sisters around the country and the women they serve now call on the Senate to follow suit.

*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, survivors of human trafficking, survivors of domestic abuse, and other vulnerable populations.

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd was founded in France in 1835 and are in 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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