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NATIONAL ADVOCACY CENTER
Rise Up AND Act for Justice

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Pass the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act

“Our laws often are out of step with the reality facing families and workers. The United States Senate has a chance to make a significant change to labor law that has broad bi-partisan support,” said Fran Eskin-Royer, Executive Director of the National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

“The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act ensures that pregnant workers – like their counterparts with disabilities – are able to continue working safely through temporary accommodations. This could be through providing a stool to sit on or being able to forgo heavy lifting for a period of time,” said Eskin-Royer.

The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act will ensure that pregnant workers are guaranteed basic accommodations that support a healthy pregnancy. This is incredibly important for workers in jobs that require physical activity.

“The National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd calls on all senators to vote in favor of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act. Until this bill is signed into law, pregnant workers who are deprived of reasonable accommodations in their workplaces will continue to face the impossible decision to choose between their jobs and their health and that of their unborn babies,” said Eskin-Royer.

The National Advocacy Center reflects the spirituality, history and mission of the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd (better known as the Sisters of the Good Shepherd). The sisters and their agencies work in solidarity with the disenfranchised – particularly families, women and children – who often are forgotten, left-behind or dismissed.

[The National Advocacy Center](http://www.nac4justice.org) 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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