June 21, 2022

SUPPORT BREASTFEEDING MOMS BY CO-SPONSORING AND PASSING THE PUMP FOR NURSING MOTHERS ACT (S. 1658)

Dear Senator:

As we grapple with a devastating baby formula shortage, many mothers would like to breastfeed and protect their milk supply but cannot because they lack the break time and a private space to pump at work. In this urgent moment, it is critical that the Senate does all it can to support infant nutrition security, including breastfeeding, formula feeding, or for many, a combination of both.

Senators can take an important step right now and improve the lives of mothers and babies across the country by co-sponsoring the PUMP for Nursing Mothers Act and supporting its immediate passage.

The PUMP for Nursing Mothers Act would protect breastfeeding employees across the nation by strengthening the existing Break Time for Nursing Mothers law. Passed in 2010, the law ensured that employees would have reasonable break time and a private place to pump breast milk. It’s a common sense, highly flexible law that has worked well for employers and employees for more than a decade. Unfortunately, the placement of the law within the statute that regulates the payment of overtime resulted in 9 million women — nearly one in four women of childbearing age — being unintentionally excluded from coverage, and without a clear right to break time and space to pump breast milk.

The PUMP for Nursing Mothers Act advanced out of the Senate HELP Committee with unanimous bipartisan support in May 2021 and passed the House with a strong bipartisan vote (267-149) in October 2021. It is now time for the Senate to pass the PUMP for Nursing Mothers Act. In the midst of the current crisis where mothers are struggling to feed their babies, the Senate must act now so that providing breast milk to our babies is a viable option for more families.

As so many families have shared, breastfeeding isn't free and easy. It is even more difficult for the one in four mothers who return to work within just two weeks of giving birth, and half of whom return before their babies are three months old. Without the PUMP for Nursing Mothers Act, too many will continue to struggle to feed their babies, face serious health consequences, including risk of painful illness and infection, diminished milk supply, or inability to continue breastfeeding.

But there are solutions to these problems. With one vote the Senate could respond to the current calamity and demonstrate its support for mothers and families across the country: now is the time for the Senate to pass the PUMP for Nursing Mothers Act.
Sincerely,

CO-SIGNERS
as of 6/23/2022

International, National, Tribal, & Regional Organizations:

1,000 Days, an Initiative of FHI Solutions
A Better Balance
Academy of Lactation Policy and Practice
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
American Academy of Nursing
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association of Birth Centers
American Civil Liberties Union
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
Appalachian Breastfeeding Network
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
American Public Health Association
Association of State Public Health Nutritionists
Baby-Friendly USA
Birth in the Know, LLC
Black Mothers Breastfeeding Association
Breastfeeding Family Friendly Communities
Caring Across Generations
Center for Health Equity, Education, and Research at Boston University School of Medicine
Center for WorkLife Law
Consortium for Infant and Child Health
Equal Rights Advocates
Every Mother, Inc.
HealthConnect One
Healthy Children Project, Inc.
Human Milk Banking Association of North America
International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners
Jewish Center for Justice
Justice for Migrant Women
La Leche League of the United States of America, Inc
March for Moms
March of Dimes
Micronesian Islander Community
Mom2Mom Global
MomsRising
Mothering Justice
MotherJourney
Mothers’ Milk Bank Northeast
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Birth Equity Collaborative
National Education Association
National Employment Law Project
National Organization for Women
National Partnership for Women & Families
National WIC Association
National Women's Health Network
National Women’s Law Center
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
Nikki Lee Health
Nursing Mothers Counsel, Inc.
Pacify Health, LLC
Panoramic Doula
Physicians for Reproductive Health
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
    Breastfeeding Coalition
Prepared Beginnings LLC
Reaching Our Sisters Everywhere, Inc
Shriver Center on Poverty Law
The Evolved Nest
The Milk Mission
The National Domestic Violence Hotline
U.S. Breastfeeding Committee
U.S. Lactation Consultant Association
Wellness Lactation

State & Local Organizations:

Alabama
Baobab Birth Collective
Gulf Coast Lactation

Alaska
Alaska Breastfeeding Coalition

Arizona
Arizona Breastfeeding Medicine and Wellness
Central Arizona Lactation Consultants Association
Flagstaff Birth Collective
Happy Baby Lactation Services, LLC

Arkansas
University of Arkansas Medical Sciences

California
A Family Affair
Alameda County Breastfeeding Coalition
BreastfeedLA
California Breastfeeding Coalition
California WIC Association
Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy
Native American Health Center
Nourish California
Orange County Equality Coalition
Sacramento Breastfeeding Coalition
San Diego County Breastfeeding Coalition
San Jose Mothers' Milk Bank

Colorado
Indigenous Firstfeeding Coalition of Colorado
Jefferson County Public Health

Connecticut
Connecticut Breastfeeding Coalition
Empowered Expressions Lactation Counseling, LLC

District of Columbia
District of Columbia Breastfeeding Coalition

Florida
Central Healthy Start Coalition
Indwelling Spirit Christian Childbirth Education and Lactation Support
Lactation Associates of St Augustine
Lactation Whisperer

Georgia
Georgia Breastfeeding Coalition

Illinois
Clay County Health Department
Whiteside County WIC Program

Indiana
Indiana Breastfeeding Coalition

Iowa
Iowa Breastfeeding Coalition

Kansas
Barber County Health Department
Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition
Lactancia Latina en el Suroeste de Kansas

Kentucky
Lactation Improvement Network of Kentucky

Louisiana
Community Birth Companion
H.E.R. Institute
La Leche League of Ruston
Louisiana Breastfeeding Coalition
The Amandla Group

Maine
Maine State Breastfeeding Coalition

Maryland
Maryland Breastfeeding Coalition
The Bloom Collective

Massachusetts
Massachusetts Breastfeeding Coalition
Thrive Wellness LLC

Michigan
baby beloved, inc.
Bump to Birth Doula Services
Day One Doula Collective
La Leche League Grand Rapids
Michigan Association of Lactation Consultants
Michigan Breastfeeding Network
Southeast Michigan IBCLCs of Color

Minnesota
Bemidji Area Breastfeeding Coalition
Crow River Area Breastfeeding Coalition
Gender Justice
Meeker Memorial Hospital and Clinics
Mississippi
Let’s Talk Baby Café
Mississippi Enjoys Breastfeeding Shalom Resource Center
Mississippi Public Health Institute
The Mississippi Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Missouri
Healthy Nourishment, LLC
Missouri Breastfeeding Coalition

New Hampshire
New Hampshire Breastfeeding Task Force
New Life Midwifery Service

New Jersey
New Jersey Breastfeeding Coalition
Shiry Weinstein IBCLC

New Mexico
Las Cruces Doula
New Mexico Breastfeeding Task Force
New Mexico Doula Association
Tewa Women United

New York
First Latch & Counseling, Inc.
Law Office of Lindy Korn PLLC
REACH CNY, Inc.
Supporting Our Mothers Initiative
Kiota Doula LLC
Mothers Milk Pod
New York Statewide Breastfeeding Coalition

North Carolina
Breastfeed Durham

North Dakota
Women, Infants, Children program at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota

Ohio
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
Ohio Breastfeeding Alliance
Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Northern Ohio Lactation Association
Summit Lactation

Oregon
Black Parent Initiative
Nursing Mothers Counsel

Pennsylvania
Christine's Care & Compassion
Nursing Mothers Alliance
Pennsylvania Breastfeeding Coalition

Puerto Rico
Alimentación Segura Infantil
Doula Caribe Internacional

South Carolina
South Carolina Breastfeeding Coalition
**Tennessee**
The Breastfeeding Support Group of Pulaski, TN

**Texas**
Teach You! Childbirth

**Virginia**
Best Beginnings LLC
Breastfeeding Blues & Bliss, LLC
Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia, Inc.
Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters
Eva Homebirth, LLC
MyActiveChild.com LLC
Old Dominion University, School of Nursing
Sentara Healthcare
Sentara Norfolk General Hospital

Scared Village Doula Services
Virginia Midwives Alliance

**Washington**
Breastfeeding Coalition of Washington
Fairhaven Lactation, LLC
Little Mountain Counseling
Nutrition First

**West Virginia**
West Virginia Breastfeeding Alliance

**Wisconsin**
Advocate Aurora Healthcare
Nurturing Transitions: Lactation Consultation and Birth Doula Services
Wisconsin Breastfeeding Coalition
Wood County Breastfeeding Coalition