

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	HealthConnect One
A Better Balance	Healthy Children Project, Inc.
Academy of Lactation Policy and Practice	Human Milk Banking Association of North America
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics	International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners
American Academy of Nursing	Jewish Center for Justice
American Academy of Pediatrics	Justice for Migrant Women
American Association of Birth Centers	La Leche League of the United States of America, Inc
American Civil Liberties Union	March for Moms
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists	March of Dimes
Appalachian Breastfeeding Network	Micronesian Islander Community
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs	Mom2Mom Global
American Public Health Association	MomsRising
Association of State Public Health Nutritionists	Mothering Justice
Baby-Friendly USA	MotherJourney
Birth in the Know, LLC	Mothers' Milk Bank Northeast
Black Mothers Breastfeeding Association	National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
Breastfeeding Family Friendly Communities	National Birth Equity Collaborative
Caring Across Generations	National Education Association
Center for Health Equity, Education, and Research at Boston University School of Medicine	National Employment Law Project
Center for WorkLife Law	National Organization for Women
Consortium for Infant and Child Health	National Partnership for Women & Families
Equal Rights Advocates	National WIC Association
Every Mother, Inc.	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

High Country Lactation Care, Inc  
Mountain View Pediatrics  
Northern Arizona Lactation Alliance  
Stargazer Lactation

##### 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