

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 9/22/2022

International, National, Tribal, & Regional Organizations:

1,000 Days, an Initiative of FHI Solutions

2020 Mom

A Better Balance

Academy of Lactation Policy and Practice

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

American Academy of Family Physicians

American Academy of Nursing

American Academy of Pediatrics

American Association of Birth Centers

American Breastfeeding Institute

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 Café USA

Baby-Friendly USA

Birth in the Know, LLC

Black Mothers Breastfeeding Association

Breastfeeding Family Friendly Communities

Breastfeeding & Infant Development Support Alliance

Caring Across Generations

Center for Health Equity, Education, and Research at Boston University School of Medicine

Center for WorkLife Law

Childbirth and Postpartum Professional Association (CAPPA)

Consortium for Infant and Child Health

Cubtale, Inc.

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

Lactation Education Resources

La Leche League Alliance for Breastfeeding Education

La Leche League of the United States of America, Inc

Mamava

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 Nurse-Led Consortium
National Women's Health Network
National Women's Law Center
Native American Health Center
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social
Justice
Nikki Lee Health
Nursing Mothers Counsel, Inc.
Nurturings (Attachment Parenting
International)
Pacify Health, LLC
Panoramic Doula
Physicians for Reproductive Health
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
Breastfeeding Coalition
Prepared Beginnings LLC
Project Milk Mission
pumpspotting
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
YWCA USA

State & Local Organizations:

Alabama

Alabama Breastfeeding Committee
Baobab Birth Collective
Gulf Coast Lactation

Alaska

Alaska Breastfeeding Coalition

Arizona

Arizona Breastfeeding Medicine and
Wellness
Center for Biological Diversity
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
Bay Area Public Health
BreastfeedLA
California Breastfeeding Coalition
California WIC Association

Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy
Native American Health Center
Monterey County
Nourish California
Orange County Equality Coalition
Sacramento Breastfeeding Coalition
San Diego County Breastfeeding Coalition
San Jose Mothers' Milk Bank
TriCounties Breastfeeding Alliance
Zero Breast Cancer

Colorado

Colorado Breastfeeding Coalition
Cuenta Conmigo Lactancia
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

Healthy Start of North Florida Coalition
Indwelling Spirit Christian Childbirth
Education and Lactation Support
Kristen Cairns Lactation, LLC
Lactation Associates of St Augustine
Lactation Whisperer

MaryCatherine Jones Consulting, LLC

Georgia

Georgia Breastfeeding Coalition

Hawaii

Breastfeeding Hawaii
Midwives Alliance of Hawai'i

Illinois

Clay County Health Department
Precious Jewels Moms Ministries
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

Kentuckiana Lactation Improvement
Coalition
Lactation Improvement Network of
Kentucky

Louisiana

Birthmark Doula Collective

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

MSP Doulas LLC

Mississippi

Black Girls Rock of MS, Inc.

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

People's Health Centers WIC

New Hampshire

New Hampshire Breastfeeding Task Force

New Life Midwifery Service

New Jersey

New Jersey Breastfeeding Coalition

New Jersey Citizen Action

New Mexico

Las Cruces Doula

New Mexico Breastfeeding Task Force

New Mexico Doula Association

Servicios Y Más Inc

Tewa Women United

New York

Albany County WIC Program

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
Supporting Our Mothers Initiative LLC

Nevada

Shining Star Community Services

North Carolina

Breastfeed Durham

North Dakota

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

Oklahoma

Coalition of Oklahoma Breastfeeding
Advocates

Ohio

All Moms Empowered to Nurse
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical
Center
Dayton Children's Hospital
Ohio Breastfeeding Alliance
Ohio Chapter, American Academy of
Pediatrics
Northern Ohio Lactation Association
Southwest Ohio Breastfeeding Coalition
Summit Lactation

SunshineFLO

Oregon

African American Breastfeeding Coalition
of Oregon
Black Parent Initiative
Nursing Mothers Counsel

Pennsylvania

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

Puerto Rico

Alimentación Segura Infantil
Doula Caribe Internacional

South Carolina

South Carolina Breastfeeding Coalition
Women's Rights and Empowerment
Network

Tennessee

Tennessee Breastfeeding Coalition
The Breastfeeding Support Group of
Pulaski, TN

Texas

Maverick County Health District
Teach You! Childbirth
Tarrant County Breastfeeding Coalition

Virginia

Best Beginnings LLC
Breastfeeding Blues & Bliss, LLC
Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia, Inc.
Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters
Crawford County Public Health
Eva Homebirth, LLC
MyActiveChild.com LLC
Norfolk Women Infants and Children (WIC)
Program
Old Dominion University, School of
Nursing
Sentara Healthcare
Sentara Norfolk General Hospital
Scared Village Doula Services
Virginia Breastfeeding Coalition
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
Institute for the Advancement of
Breastfeeding and Lactation Education
Nurturing Transitions: Lactation
Consultation and Birth Doula Services
Wisconsin Breastfeeding Coalition
Wood County Breastfeeding Coalition

Wyoming

Natrona County WIC Program