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Rise Up AND Act for Justice

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Mandate a \$15 per Hour Wage Floor
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"In this nation of riches, hard work is rewarded – but not for all. Millions of workers in the United States are underpaid for their labors and the crushing effects ripple across our country – mothers and fathers who die far too young; children who go to school hungry and whose futures are bleak," said Lawrence E. Couch, director of the National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

Today, the House Education and Labor Committee is holding a hearing on "Gradually Raising the Minimum Wage to \$15: Good for Workers, Good for Businesses, and Good for the Economy" and the National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd calls on Congress to mandate a \$15 per hour wage floor.

"When people work full time, they should be able to feed, clothe, educate, and provide shelter for themselves and their families. Who can do that with the current minimum wage," asked Couch?

"Let's raise the minimum wage to at least \$15 per hour as a step toward recognizing people's hard work and providing them with the financial recognition they deserve. And by raising the minimum wage, we will lift millions of people out of poverty," said Couch.

So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin. (James 4:17)

[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, victims of human trafficking, victims of domestic abuse, and other vulnerable populations.

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