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Historic Passage of Build Back Better Re-imagining How We Serve

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The National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd cheers the House passage of the Build Back Better Act and impresses upon the Senate the urgency of moving on this bill so it may become law.

The heart of this historic act is a desire to re-imagine how we serve our neighbors, how we prioritize our neighbors, how we level the playing field. We are creating a 'new normal' through policy and structures, chipping away at the inequities that exist and building up a stronger future for all of us.

The fallout from Covid-19 has exposed the cracks in our economic and healthcare systems, cracks that children, families, people of color, immigrants, people with disabilities are falling through. In passing the Build Back Better Act, the House of Representatives has invested in the future of our country, a future where health care, childcare, housing, education and good jobs are available to all.

The expansion of the Child Tax Credit (CTC), and the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), as well as investments in affordable housing and paid family leave, will have an immediate and substantial effect on the people that U.S. Good Shepherd agencies serve, including people living in poverty, immigrants, survivors of human trafficking, survivors of domestic abuse and other vulnerable populations.

Children, working families, immigrants and other marginalized communities are at the heart of the matter for the National Advocacy Center and the U.S. Good Shepherd agencies. We stand together with expectation and hope at this pivotal moment that this bill soon will become law.

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

The Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd was founded in France in 1835 and is in 70 countries on 5 continents and has 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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