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March for Moms Applauds the Legislative Action to Support Pregnant and Breastfeeding Workers

On December 22nd, the U.S. Senate passed the *Providing Urgent Maternal Protections (PUMP) for Nursing Mothers Act* and the *Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA)* as part of the FY23 omnibus spending package. We, at March for Moms, value and commend both pieces of legislation and its commitment to ensuring that families can grow with dignity through sensible feeding and working accommodations.

The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act will support pregnant people in the workforce by ensuring rest and bathroom breaks, modified duties, and adequate recovery time from childbirth. This is an essential investment in families and the economy- keeping people in the workforce and accommodating their needs ensures a productive family and society. We are also thrilled that after much time and effort put forth by our partners, the PUMP Act was also included in the omnibus. It is past time that breastfeeding and pumping individuals be provided intentional spaces and time to express milk.

March for Moms is grateful for the work and support of Senators Jeff Merkley, Lisa Murkowski, Richard Burr, and Patty Murray on the PUMP Act. We thank the Senate champions of the PWFA Senators Bill Cassidy and Bob Casey. In the House of Representatives, we thank Rep. Jerry Nadler and Rep, John Katko and the PUMP sponsors Rep. Maloney and Rep. Herrera Beutler. Finally, we thank Senate Majority Leader Schumer and Speaker Pelosi for bringing forth and passing the critical legislation.

Families and birthing people were prioritized today and March for Moms looks forward to continued progress and support in the near future.

In solidarity,

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