

# DEAR SENATE MAJORITY LEADER SCHUMER:

**“After I was pushed off the job due to my pregnancy, I had to use water in my son’s cereal because I could no longer afford milk.”**  
– ARMANDA LEGROS

**“Everyone said they were grateful to me for working the frontlines during the pandemic, but now I’m pregnant and no one will hire me.”**  
– DENIZER CARTER

**“I asked if I could have a water bottle when I was dizzy and nauseated from my pregnancy – I was nearly fainting every day. My employer said no.”**  
– TESIA BUCKLES

We represent the millions of former and current pregnant and postpartum workers – including retail workers, police officers, health care providers, manufacturing workers, and civil servants – many of us who were forced off the job during pregnancy or immediately after childbirth because we needed temporary, reasonable accommodations to protect our health.

The 44th anniversary of the Pregnancy Discrimination Act is just days away and we are here to tell you pregnancy discrimination is still rampant in this country. The law is failing us.

We know because, as working mothers, we experienced discrimination while pregnant or after giving birth.

We often faced terrible economic or health consequences as a result.

**The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act is ready and waiting with the votes to pass and would end the inequality and injustice we faced.**

It’s 2022, and we still don’t have an explicit federal right to pregnancy-related accommodations, including breastfeeding support. In fact, a stunning two-thirds of pregnant workers are losing their request for accommodation cases in federal court. All we are asking for are the same sorts of reasonable accommodations the law already guarantees for workers with disabilities.

We desperately need a solution to stay healthy and attached to the workforce.

**We need you to act when you return to Washington in November.**

We have been told, especially during the pandemic, that women are essential to our economy and the future of our nation. It is time we are treated that way.

Please listen to our voices.

**Don’t fail pregnant women and families like us on your watch.**

# PASS THE PREGNANT WORKERS FAIRNESS ACT.

Signed,

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