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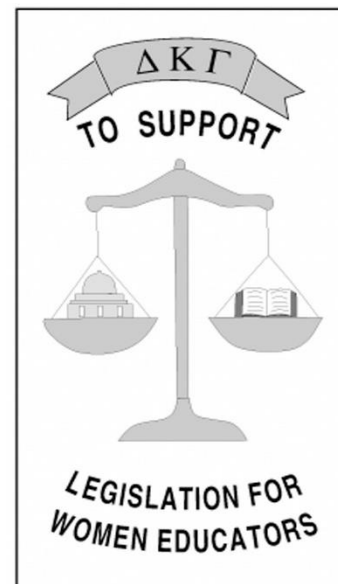
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LEGISLATION AND ISSUES

Here are a few National Issues and Updates that will or are impacting our states:

Women, Peace and Security Act The House [passed](#) the Women, Peace, and Security Act (S. 1141), which prioritizes the involvement of women in the prevention and resolution of violent conflict. The bill now moves to the president's desk for signature.

DACA Department of Homeland Security Acting Secretary Elaine Duke earlier this week [urged](#) Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients to renew their enrollment before yesterday's deadline. October 5 marked the last day current DACA enrollees could renew their status before the program [ends](#) as a result of President Donald Trump's executive order.





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Support of Affirmative Action A new poll from Pew Research Center [found](#) that Americans' support for affirmative action programs has increased in recent years. In 2017, 71 percent of respondents said programs "designed to increase the number of black and minority students on college campuses are a good thing," compared to 63 percent in 2014.

Source AAUW Washington Update, October 6, 2017

80 Percent

In 2016 women working full time in the U.S. were paid 80 percent of what males were paid. Though the gap is narrowing due to our progress in education, the current gap rate projections are stating that we will reach equality in 2059.



Northeast Statistics

State Median Annual Earnings and Earning/ Ratio for Full time workers 2016

State	Male	Female	Earnings Ratio	Rank
United States	\$51,640	\$41,554	80%	
New York	\$55,124	\$47,358	89%	1
District of Columbia	\$51,417	\$45,489	86%	4
Vermont	\$47,840	\$41,122	86%	5
Maine	\$47,890	\$40,240	84%	8
Maryland	\$61,321	\$51,247	84%	9
New Hampshire	\$55,581	\$44,550	83%	11
Massachusetts	\$62,868	\$51,666	82%	14
Delaware	\$50,924	\$41,771	82%	15
Rhode Island	\$55,400	\$43,541	82%	20
New Jersey	\$62,311	\$50,574	81%	21
Connecticut	\$64,220	\$50,991	79%	25
Illinois	\$53,11	\$42,108	79%	28
Pennsylvania	\$51,780	\$41,047	79%	29
Michigan	\$50,869	\$36,514	78%	32
Ohio	\$50,227	\$38,750	77%	38
Indiana	\$49,157	\$36,440	74%	46
West Virginia	\$46,029	\$33,228	72%	49
Puerto Rico	\$22,850	\$23,494	102.8%	

Source *The Simple Truth: Economic Social Justice*

Three Legislative Bills to Note:

The Paycheck Fairness Act (S. 819/H.R. 1869)

The Equal Pay Act of 1963 prohibits pay discrimination on the basis of sex. It has narrowed the gender pay gap but AAUW reports that there is a need for an update to close existing loopholes, strengthen penalties for equal pay violations, prohibit



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retaliation against workers who voluntarily discuss or disclose their wages, and support data collection and research.

The Pay Equity for All Act (H.R. 2418) would ban employers from using salary history to determine future pay Banning this would prohibit employers from continuing the practice of unequal pay. Several states and Cities have passed legislation on this.

The Fair Pay Act (H.R. 2095) would curb occupational segregation. This bill would ensure equal pay for equal work in all occupations and industries.



Laptop Advocacy: Sites for DKG

GovTrack.us: Track the United States Congress

A great source for topics, legislative votes, bill progress.

<https://nwlc.org/> The National

Women's Law Center posts of the issues and updates you on national legislative action.



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