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**As Defender of the Common Good, Leader Pelosi Has Earned the Speaker's Gavel**

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – As the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress chooses its leadership, **Sister Simone Campbell, SSS, Executive Director of NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice** issued the following statement:

**"We need proven leadership in trying times, and Leader Nancy Pelosi is the tested leadership we need.**

"I have seen Leader Pelosi's political acumen in working with Republicans in Congress and the White House. In turbulent times, she know how to get things done. She leads effectively for workers and their families. There are the critical issues that will be faced by the 116th Congress.

**"On behalf of the Catholic Sisters and activists of NETWORK Lobby, I urge all members of Congress to support Leader Pelosi for Speaker. She has earned our support as a true defender of the common good."**

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