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Paid Leave For All Statement on the Passage of the American Rescue Package

“We Have the Clear Opportunity to Pass Paid Leave this Year, and We Have a Mandate to Do So”

Washington, DC — [Paid Leave for All](#), a campaign fighting for paid family and medical leave for all working people, released the following statement on the passage of the American Rescue Package, and the imperative of creating a permanent, federal paid leave solution:

“The American Rescue Plan will deliver important and historic relief to families, child care providers, small businesses, and emergency paid leave for federal workers. But recovery requires longer-term work policies we’ve needed but haven’t had — especially paid family and medical leave. While the package passed today offers voluntary tax credits for businesses that choose to provide paid leave, we must enact a comprehensive national paid leave policy that protects all workers and their loved ones,” **said Dawn Huckelbridge, director of Paid Leave for All.**

“Since the start of the pandemic, women have lost over 5 million jobs, and women of color have suffered the greatest losses. Paid leave can keep women and caregivers in their jobs, and care policies have the potential to help the economy grow as much as 5% by bringing women’s labor force participation rates in the United States up to levels in other countries. Securing a permanent solution is critical to the American economy and an equitable path to recovery. We have the clear opportunity to pass paid leave this year, and we have a mandate to do so.”

The Paid Leave for All campaign is a growing collaborative of organizations fighting for paid family and medical leave for all working people.

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