WASHINGTON, DC — Today, on Way Too Early with Kasie Hunt, Paid Leave for All Director Dawn Huckelbridge discussed the building momentum and growing small business support for passing a permanent, national paid leave policy in the forthcoming infrastructure package. Huckelbridge also emphasized paid leave as a critical policy in bolstering the American workforce and building toward an equitable economic recovery.
“We still do not have any form of national paid leave and we are one of the only countries in the world where this is not simply a given,” said Paid Leave for All Director Dawn Huckelbridge. “This is our opportunity to finally change that, and we have an opportunity and a mandate coming out of this pandemic to finally build back better.”

“This is something that is good for business, and more and more businesses are getting on board with the idea. This isn’t something we can leave up to voluntary measures in the private sector. This is something that needs to be universal no matter who you work for, no matter where you live, and this is an opportunity to finally make this change.” Huckelbridge continued, “If there is one thing we’ve learned from the pandemic, it’s that every one of us will have to give or receive care in our lives, and we can’t always plan for that. When a caregiving need arises or a crisis hits, we need to have this assurance and piece of mind.”

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