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Slaughter Says Parental Leave Act Will Help Families

Washington, DC *- Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter today voted to approve new paid parental leave for federal employees, legislation that is now expected to go to the House floor for approval. She said the bill will help the federal government retain talented employees and will assist families as they transition back to work after childbirth.*

"Employees should not have to choose between their newborn and a paycheck," Slaughter said. "Giving a new parent four weeks of paid leave will allow them to care for a nurture their child before returning to the workplace. Many other private sector companies

already provide this service and I think it's time for the federal government to do the same."

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