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New York Passes Strongest Paid Family Leave in the Nation

The Program Establishes a Critical Right for 6.4 million New Yorkers Who Currently Lack Access to Paid Family Leave

NEW YORK—Today, A Better Balance Co-presidents and Co-founders Sherry Leiwant and Dina Bakst released the following statement:

“After fighting for ten long years, we are thrilled to see our home state become the fourth in the nation to guarantee paid family leave by law. New York’s landmark legislation will benefit millions of New York families and enable workers to breathe more easily knowing they can pay the bills when they take time off to welcome a new child or care for an ailing loved one. This is a giant step in our efforts to make paid family leave a reality for all Americans. ABB applauds Governor Cuomo for his bold leadership and thanks our champions in the legislature for their firm commitment to the wellbeing of New York’s working families.”

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