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A Better Balance Applauds Governor Cuomo for Paid Family Leave Support in State of the State

NEW YORK—Today, A Better Balance Co-presidents and Co-founders Sherry Leiwant and Dina Bakst released the following statement on Governor Andrew Cuomo’s commitment for paid family leave in today’s State of the State address.

“We applaud Governor Cuomo for his leadership on paid family leave, an issue that is essential to the well-being of thousands of New Yorkers, especially those for whom a family emergency can easily spell financial ruin. At A Better Balance, we see firsthand how families suffer when workers cannot afford to take time off to provide care for their loved ones, and the pain new moms go through when they cannot afford to recover from childbirth or bond with a new baby. The Governor’s commitment brings us one step closer to making paid family leave a reality, and ensuring that all New Yorkers can securely savor the joys and weather the inevitable crises that life delivers.”

A Better Balance serves on the steering committee of the New York Women’s Equality Coalition, and in addition to paid family leave, has helped New York lead the way on issues critical to working families including equal pay and pregnancy discrimination, among others.

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