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## **A Better Balance Applauds Governor Cuomo for Regulations Implementing Strongest Paid Family Leave in the Nation**

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 announcement that the state has filed regulations to implement the state’s paid family leave program, the strongest in the nation. The Cuomo Administration also announced a new helpline (844-337-6303) and a new **website** to answer questions and provide New Yorkers with more information about the program, which will be phased in over a four-year period, beginning on January 1, 2018.

“We applaud Governor Cuomo for his ongoing leadership on paid family leave. By taking the step of issuing regulations on New York’s groundbreaking paid family leave law and creating a new hotline and multilingual website, the nation’s most comprehensive paid family leave program will be better understood by employers and workers as it goes into effect. 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 parents go through when they cannot afford to take time off with a new baby. And, we see far too many workers who are one family emergency away from financial ruin. That’s why we’re proud to live in a state that recognizes the importance of paid family leave – and, under Governor Cuomo’s leadership we’ve seen that regardless of what happens on the federal level, workers in New York state won’t be forced to make an impossible choice between their job and family.”

A Better Balance serves on the steering committee of the New York Paid Family Leave Campaign, and in addition to paid family leave, has helped New York lead the way on issues critical to working families including equal pay, sick time, and pregnancy discrimination, among others.

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