

Media Advisory – Washington Family Leave Coalition

For Release: Thursday, December 13th, 1:00 p.m.

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Who/What: Press conference sponsored by the Washington Family Leave Coalition. Statements by:

- Senator Karen D. Keiser (33rd District-Kent) and Representative Mary Lou Dickerson (36th District-Seattle), co-chairs of the Washington State Joint Legislative Task Force on Family Leave Insurance and primary sponsor of related Senate and House legislation.
- Marilyn Watkins, Governor's Appointee to Joint Legislative Task Force and Policy Director, Economic Opportunity Institute.
- Kristin Rowe-Finkbeiner, member of Joint Legislative Task Force and Executive Director, MomsRising.
- Representatives from small businesses and childcare centers (names to be announced).

Visual: The Washington Family Leave Coalition will present a large (2 foot by 3 foot) letter addressed to state legislators, signed by dozens of Washington business owners in support of family leave insurance.

When/Where: Thursday, December 13th, 1:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room 3, J.A. Cherberg Building, Olympia, WA (immediately after the final meeting of the Washington State Joint Legislative Task Force on Family Leave).

Background

The Washington Family Leave Joint Legislative Task Force is commissioned by the legislature to develop recommendations on funding and administering Washington's family leave insurance program. Members will vote on final recommendations during its December 13th meeting (10 a.m.-1 p.m., Senate Conference Rooms A/B/C, Cherberg Building, Olympia, WA).

The Washington Family Leave Coalition is composed of organizations representing seniors, women, labor, health professionals, children's advocates, faith communities, low-income workers, employers, and others. Collectively, the Coalition advocates for new state policies to promote healthy families, healthy businesses, and healthy communities in Washington State.