

President Obama Lauds California Expansion of Paid Family Leave

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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - President Obama released the following statement after California Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation that mandates an increase in paid time off.

The law allows for 60 percent of wages to be paid, up to \$1,100 per week. Those making less than \$20,000 per year will be paid 70% of their pay.

"I applaud the California State Legislature and Governor Jerry Brown for expanding paid family leave in their state today," said the president's statement. "This action means more hardworking Californians will have the peace of mind to know that they can take care of a new child or a sick family member. This is great news for California. Yet millions of Americans still don't have access to any form of paid leave. Congress needs to catch up to California – and to countries all over the world – by acting to guarantee paid family leave to all Americans. As long as I am President, I will continue to do everything I can to ensure that working Americans have access to this basic security."