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**DODD, KENNEDY, SCHROEDER, WOOLSEY MARK 15th ANNIVERSARY OF
FMLA; CRITIQUE NEW DEPT. OF LABOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

Original authors of FMLA look forward to expanded, paid leave

Washington, DC – Senator Chris Dodd (D-CT) and former Congresswoman Pat Schroeder (D-CO), original authors of the landmark Family and Medical Leave Act, will hail the law's 15th anniversary, and critique the Department of Labor's new recommendations about the program at a press conference on Wednesday. They will also highlight the importance of moving forward with Dodd's bill which would provide Americans with paid leave. Since its passage, more than 60 million Americans have utilized the protections of the Family and Medical Leave Act, ensuring that they do not need to choose between the job they need and the family they love.

**WHO: Senator Chris Dodd (D-CT), author of FMLA, Chairman of the
Subcommittee on Children and Families**

**Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA), Chairman of the Committee on
Health, Education, Labor and Pensions**

Former Congresswoman Pat Schroeder (D-CO), author of FMLA

**Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey (CA-6), Chairwoman of the Workforce
Protections Subcommittee**

WHERE: Senate Banking Committee, Dirksen Building Room 538

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