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Millions of Working Families Are Still Benefitting from Landmark Legislation Washington, DC – Today, Rep. Ellen Tauscher marked the 15th anniversary of the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), a landmark piece of legislation for working families throughout California and all across America. FMLA allows an employee to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave due to their own serious health condition, to care for a sick family member, or for a new son or daughter (by birth, adoption, or foster care). The bill was among the first signed into law by President Bill Clinton in his first term. Rep. Tauscher released the following statement: "As Americans, we pride ourselves in our shared values of work and family. The Family and Medical Leave Act has allowed millions of workers to maintain their family commitments while remaining loyal employees. Fifteen years ago this legislation ensured that workers no longer had to fear the choice between their livelihood and caring for a sick child or elderly parent. As a Member of Congress, but more importantly, as a parent, I commemorate this milestone for working families and look forward to building on its success." • ###