



Position statements:

_____ endorses adopting minimum standards for **paid sick days** for all workers, to protect public health, build family economic security, reduce health care costs, and help all businesses prosper.

_____ endorses beginning benefit payments of Washington's **Family and Medical Leave Insurance** program by October 2012, implementing a payroll tax, and expanding the program to include a worker's own disabling condition and caring for a seriously ill family member.

Questions for candidates:

Local:

Paid sick days - Would you support adoption of minimum City or County standards for **paid sick days** for all workers, to protect public health, build family economic security, reduce health care costs, and help all businesses prosper?

State legislature:

Washington's Family and Medical Leave Insurance program - Would you support assuring that benefit payments under Washington's Family and Medical Leave Insurance program can begin by October 2012, implementing a worker-paid payroll tax to finance the program, expanding the program to include a worker's own disabling condition and caring for a seriously ill family member, and pursuing the possibility of federal funds to assist states with implementation costs?

Paid sick days - Would you support adoption of minimum state standards for paid sick days for all workers, to protect public health, build family economic security, reduce health care costs, and help all businesses prosper?

Congress:

Do you support providing **federal grants to states** – including Washington – to assist with implementation costs of state **Family and Medical Leave Insurance programs**?

- President Obama's budget proposal establishes a \$50 million State Paid Leave Fund that will provide competitive grants to help States that choose to launch paid-leave programs cover their startup. Will you vote to keep at least \$50 million in the State Paid Leave Fund in the FY 2011 budget, ensure that Washington is eligible to receive funds, and support additional appropriations in future years?
- Do you support the **FIRST Act**?

Do you support passage of the **Healthy Families Act** providing minimum state standards for paid sick days?