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**STATEMENT OF SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY ON THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S  
REPORT ON FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Today, the Department of Labor issued a report on its Request for Information on the Family and Medical Leave Act regulations. Senator Kennedy, Chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, a long-standing advocate for the rights of working men and women to have time off from their jobs to care for themselves and their families, released the following statement.

“The Family and Medical Leave Act has enabled millions of Americans to care for their sick or injured family members without fear of losing their jobs. In today’s report, the Department’s report recognizes what workers across the country know – that the law works extremely well in meeting the needs of working families. The Department should recognize that it is vital to enforce and vigorously defend the current protections. There is no justification for using anecdotes the Department has solicited to weaken protections for vulnerable Americans with chronic or serious illnesses.”

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