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**PARTNERSHIP FOR PUBLIC SERVICE APPLAUDS SEN. JIM WEBB
AND REP. CAROLYN MALONEY ON THE INTRODUCTION OF THE
“PAID PARENTAL LEAVE ACT OF 2009”**

Washington, D.C. -- The Partnership for Public Service released the following statement applauding Sen. Jim Webb (D-VA) and Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) for introducing legislation that will provide paid parental leave to Federal employees:

“At a time when the government is facing unprecedented challenges and a significant loss of experienced talent, it is critical that we find new ways to minimize the effects of the impending brain drain. Accordingly, the government should focus on the best practices in recruiting and retaining top quality talent.

“Providing paid parental leave to Federal employees is not only the right thing to do, but it makes good business sense. Ensuring that working parents have the opportunity to care for a new child is an important recruitment and retention incentive and will help the federal government avoid turnover that is costly both in economic terms and in the loss of experience talent. Offering paid parental leave to the federal civil service will ensure that the federal government is able to compete for needed talent in mission-critical fields and is using modern retention practices.

“The Partnership for Public Service applauds Sen. Webb, the 12 Senate co-sponsors, and Rep. Maloney and the 18 House co-sponsors for their leadership in introducing S. 354 and H.R. 626, respectively, and we urge other Members of Congress to support this common sense legislation.”

- Max Stier, President and CEO
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