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McMorris-Rodgers Insensitive to Needs of Working Parents

WASHINGTON D.C. – June 19, 2008 Cathy McMorris-Rodgers last week abandoned working families who work for the Federal Government by voting against granting paid leave for the birth of a child or for the placement of a child with the parent for adoption or foster care.

H.R. 5781, the Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2008 passed the House of Representatives last Thursday by a vote of 278-146 and 10 not voting. The act would allow Federal Employees the ability to use accumulated paid leave to attend to their children in the case of birth, adoption, and foster care. Cathy McMorris-Rodgers voted against the bill with the most conservative members of the Republican Party and with President George W. Bush.

"It strikes me as odd that Cathy would be against granting employees paid leave especially after having had a child herself last year, without interruption of her own salary. " Stated Mark Mays, Candidate for the 5th Congressional District in Eastern Washington. "That's a very unusual view of what's fair."

The bill has been transmitted to the Senate for its consideration.