

"Today, on equal pay day, I reflect on the historic vote taken in the 2009 Democratic-led 111<sup>th</sup> Congress to pass the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. It became the first bill signed into law by President Obama – a victory for American women, for American families and for American values. Today, I remind my colleagues in Congress that there is still great work to be done on this issue. Today, women still only earn 77 cents for every dollar earned by men. This kind of inequality is economically unsustainable for American families who increasingly rely on women's wages to make ends meet. Democrats in Congress are fighting for the enactment of the Paycheck Fairness Act to provide an urgent update to the 49-year-old Equal Pay Act. This update guarantees effective remedies to women who are not being paid equal wages for doing equal work. Today, I call upon Republicans to stop standing in the way of progress for women and their families and to support the Paycheck Fairness Act."