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Today at 1pm, the House Economic Matters Committee will vote on **HB496 - Labor and Employment - Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program - Establishment**. Unfortunately, the Economic Matters Committee is considering amendments to HB496, sponsored by Delegate C.T. Wilson, that would drastically alter the bill away from its original intent and further delay the creation of a paid family and medical leave program in Maryland. We need to make as many calls as possible before the 1pm voting session today to urge delegates on the committee to oppose these proposed amendments.

**Now is the time to tell the Committee: We want a paid family and medical leave program that working Marylanders need. We do NOT need a Commission!**

Please contact members of the Economic Matters Committee now. Contact information for the Committee is below. Here is your message:

*"I'm a member of the Women's Law Center of Maryland calling to urge you to vote NO on the amendments to HB496 being considered in the Economic Matters Committee today.*

*The amendments to HB 496 create a commission, NOT the paid family and medical leave program that working Marylanders urgently need. The proposed commission to study how to establish a paid family and medical leave program is unnecessary and would be the fourth study in 10 years.*

*More than 2.3 million Maryland workers, 79 percent of workers, are currently without adequate paid family and medical leave, forcing many workers to make the impossible choice between needed income and caring for themselves or a loved one.*

*Maryland workers need a strong paid family and medical leave program to be passed this year without further delays, especially as we continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic."*

Onward,

*The WLC Advocacy Team*

P.S. As always, if you appreciate the work we do, whether in the General Assembly or through our [direct legal services](#) across the State, [give here!](#) And if this email was forwarded to you by a friend, make sure to sign up for our legislative alerts [here!](#)

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**Our efforts to promote justice, fairness, and equality for women are only possible because of friends like you.**

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