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Council urges uniform, consistent approach to paid leave as part of COVID-19 response

WASHINGTON, DC – In a letter sent to all members of Congress earlier today, American Benefits Council President James A. Klein emphasized the view of large, multistate employers that **paid leave policy must enable employers to provide consistent benefits to workers regardless of where they live or work** – especially as Congress is poised to address paid leave as part of emergency legislation to address the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

“Legislation expanding workers’ access to paid leave is one such important component of a rapid, coordinated and practical response. As Congress proceeds, in order to achieve its objective, it is imperative that any policy enacted permit employers to offer paid leave on a uniform and consistent basis nationwide,” Klein wrote.

The full letter is available here: <http://bit.ly/covid-leave>

The Council stands ready to assist policymakers in their efforts to help America's working families, businesses and communities. For more information on the Council's paid leave agenda, or to arrange an interview with the Council's policy team, contact Jason Hammersla, Council vice president, communications, at jhammersla@abcstaff.org or by phone at 202-289-6700 (office) or (202) 422-4652 (cell).

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