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| Statement from Sec. Solis on equal pay | http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/wb/wb20090469.htm | Press Release | Women earn just 78 cents for every dollar a man earns today. Sec. Solis iterates her commitment to her role as women's advocate. Recovery Act provides a 65 percent tax subsidy for the cost of health benefits, Additional funds have been made available to local communities for job training and employment services. We must work to close the pay gap. | WASHINGTON — U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis today made the following statement on equal pay:<br><br>"One of the most fundamental principles on which our nation was founded is the belief that we are all created equal.<br><br>"Yet today, women earn just 78 cents for every dollar a man earns. Women of color earn even less. Countless women are losing thousands of dollars in salary, income and retirement savings over the course of a lifetime. As a result, women often must work longer or harder to make ends meet.<br><br>"As the secretary of labor, I am committed to ensuring that the women in our country and around the world have a voice and advocate.<br><br>"The Labor Department is working hard at implementing the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, which has had a direct impact on women. While women have a lower overall unemployment rate than the general population, women are also impacted when a spouse loses a job.<br><br>"Increases to unemployment insurance and extensions of benefits become the lifeboat for families who are struggling in this recession. The Recovery Act provides a 65 percent tax | 4/28/2009 16:00 | equal pay;women;unemployment;health benefits; |
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