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**JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE HEARING TO
EXAMINE HOW FAMILY-FRIENDLY POLICIES ARE
GOOD FOR THE ECONOMY, BUSINESSES, AND
WORKERS**

*GAO Report to Be Released at JEC Hearing Shows U.S. Lags Behind Other
Industrial Nations in Supporting Working Families*

Washington, DC: U.S. Representative Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY), Vice Chair of the Joint Economic Committee (JEC), will convene a hearing on **Thursday, June 14, 2007 at 10 a.m.** on "*Importing Success: Why Work-Family Policies from Abroad Make Economic Sense for the U.S.*" The Government Accountability Office (GAO) will present findings from a new report on policies used abroad to help workers - especially women - balance the competing demands of employment and care-giving responsibilities. The new GAO report shows the U.S. lags far behind other industrialized nations in providing policies that support working parents and their children. The committee will hear testimony from expert witnesses about how American workers, businesses, and the overall economy could benefit from improved workplace policies, including extended maternity and paternity leave, increased access to child care, more paid sick and vacation time, and flexible work schedules.

WHAT: Joint Economic Committee Hearing on "*Importing Success: Why Work-Family Policies from Abroad Make Economic Sense for the U.S.*"

WHEN: Thursday, June 14, 2007 - 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: 216 Hart Senate Office Building

Witnesses:

- **Kay Brown**, Acting Director of Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office

- **Janet Gornick**, Professor of Political Science, Baruch College, City University of New York, Director of the Luxembourg Income Study, and the co-author of *Families That Work*.
- **Ellen Bravo**, Coordinator, the Multi-State Working Families Consortium, former Director of 9to5, and the author of *Taking on the Big Boys*.
- **Laura Wallace**, Director of the Work Life Program, SAS (a statistical analysis software company)
- **Tim Kane**, Director, Center for International Trade and Economics, Heritage Foundation

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