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Statement from Kris Perry
Executive Director, First 5 California
Regarding California's Paid Family Leave Law

"Every moment in a newborn's life is precious and the more time parents spend bonding with their babies, the greater impression it will have on the rest of their lives. First 5 California is dedicated to improving the lives of California's youngest children and understands that an early bond with parents helps lead to a child's healthy development. First 5 California is proud to partner with the Paid Family Leave Coalition in an effort to help more parents better understand the benefits of California's Paid Family Leave Law."

Kris Perry is Executive Director of First 5 California. Prior to assuming this role in 2005, Perry served for five years as executive director of First 5 San Mateo County developing large-scale, countywide initiatives such as the Children's Health Initiative. Ms. Perry's interest lies in developing high-quality child development programs for working families with modest incomes.

First 5 California, also known as the California Children and Families Commission, was established after voters passed Proposition 10 in November 1998, adding a 50 cents-per-pack tax on cigarettes to fund education, health, childcare and other programs for expectant parents and children up to age 5.

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