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April 17, is Equal Pay Day -- the day of the year marking how much longer women have to work to earn as much as men.
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The next Equal Pay Day is Tuesday, April 17, 2012. This date symbolizes how far into 2012 women must work to earn what men earned in 2011.

Equal Pay Day was originated by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) in 1996 as a public awareness event to illustrate the gap between men's and women's wages.

Since Census statistics showing the latest wage figures will not be available until late August or September, NCPE leadership decided years ago to select a Tuesday in April as Equal Pay Day. (Tuesday was selected to represent how far into the work week women must work to earn what men earned the previous week.) The date also is selected to avoid avoid religious holidays and other significant events.

Because women earn less, on average, than men, they must work longer for the same amount of pay. The wage gap is even greater for most women of color.

For more information, see NCPE's Equal Pay Day Kit or contact the NCPE.
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LETTER FROM KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND: PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT
Dear Dick,

I can’t believe that in this day and age, women still earn three-quarters of what men do for the same work. Tomorrow, April 17, is Equal Pay Day -- the day of the year marking how much longer women have to work to earn as much as men.

So today I’m participating in New York City’s sixth annual Equal Pay Day Forum to call attention to this inequity.

I’m also **co-sponsoring the Paycheck Fairness Act**, a critical piece of legislation that will help close the persistent pay gap in this country.

A year and a half ago, the Senate had the opportunity to pass a similar bill, but it failed. We can’t let that happen again. Join me today in support of this bill and let’s put an end to the era of unequal pay.
Click here to stand with me in support of equal pay for all. We can’t allow our country to remain in the dark ages. We have to move forward.  

http://www.democratsenators.org/o/44/t/11899/petition.jsp?petition_KEY=431

While fairness is central to the issue of equal pay, it’s not the only consideration. Equal pay is also key to economic growth. Women are huge drivers of our economy, and they contribute to family incomes more than ever before. That means all of us suffer when women don’t earn what they deserve. Some say the U.S. GDP would grow by up to 9 percent if women were given equal pay.

We’ve made progress over the years, but right now we’re at a standstill. In Wisconsin, Governor Scott Walker has actually rolled back our progress by repealing his state’s Equal Pay Enforcement Act, which was designed to help victims of wage discrimination pursue damages. And Mitt Romney's now calling Governor Walker his hero.

In the face of that kind of opposition, we have only one option -- push harder! And that’s exactly what I’m doing.

I hope you’ll join me and use this day to win on an issue we’ve been fighting about for far too long. Click here to sign my petition in support of the Paycheck Fairness Act. Let’s end wage discrimination once and for all.  

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With your help, we can make sure we never have to observe another Equal Pay Day again.

Thanks for your continued support, Kirsten

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