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Washington, DC - April 20 is Equal Pay Day, which marks the day of the year a woman stops working for free. You read that right! The average American woman works nearly four months more to be paid the same as a man working a comparable job. According to the National Women's Law Center, the average American woman earns \$10,622 less than her male counterpart, or 77 cents for every dollar.

Eliminating the wage gap is of critical importance to API women, whether they are single mothers, supporting older relatives, or just trying to put themselves through college. Imagine the businesses that could be started, the homes bought, and the family members sent to higher education if we achieved pay equity! **API women can't afford the wage gap anymore.**

Urge your Senators to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, which would close loopholes in the Equal Pay Act, prohibits retaliation against workers who disclose their wages, strengthens data collection on pay information, and rewards good behavior of employers who treat their employees fairly.

In solidarity,

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