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Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele Statement on Equal Pay Day 2016

MILWAUKEE – Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele released the following statement on Equal Pay Day 2016.

“Today we commemorate another unfortunate Equal Pay Day, which represents the extra 103 days of work the average American woman has to work to earn what a man earned the year before. This is an outrage and an offense to the American idea that everyone should have an equal chance to live a better life.

“But outrage hasn’t solved this problem, nor has legislative inaction or hollow rhetoric.

“I’ve been honored to serve on the boards of Planned Parenthood and the Boys and Girls Club at both the state and national levels and to chair Women for Women International. These organizations are proven leaders in the fight for equality of opportunity, and experience, for women and girls.

“We can’t close the gender pay gap overnight. But what we can do right now to help level the playing field is continue to fiercely advocate for women’s healthcare and reproductive rights, work to eliminate racial disparities since Equal Pay Day comes even later for women who are racial and ethnic minorities, invest in quality public education and childcare, and tell our daughters – and our sons – that women and girls deserve nothing less than a fair shot at achieving their dreams.”