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Maria Shriver meets with President Obama at the White House to report on The Shriver Report: A Woman’s Nation Pushes Back from the Brink

Shriver’s groundbreaking report examines America’s new economic reality

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, Maria Shriver met with President Obama in the Oval Office at the White House to brief him on the findings from her latest Shriver Report. Her statement on that meeting is below. (Photo attached)

“I’m delighted that the President could meet with us today to hear about the startling findings of the Shriver Report, produced in partnership with the Center for American Progress. I told the President that the bottom line message of our report is that, if you lead with women you’ll have a robust economy and healthier families, and if you leave them out, you won’t. President Obama told me that he would like the issues we highlight in the report—paid leave and sick time, pay equity, access to benefits and child care— to inform a summit he wants to hold at the White House this spring on working families. We look forward to working with the Administration and a bi-partisan coalition on the important public, private, and personal solutions raised in our report.”

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About The Shriver Report:
The first Shriver Report, published in 2009, examined a huge transformation in U.S. history: For the first time, women had become fully half the workforce, and even more momentously, were about two-thirds of the primary and co-breadwinners in American families—truly the engine driving the economy. We called this new state of American affairs A Woman’s Nation Changes Everything, as the explosion of women becoming breadwinners changed not just the economy, but marriage, families, schools, the workplace, government, health care—everything, including men. The following year, A Woman’s Nation Takes on Alzheimer’s was the largest study ever to examine the cultural, social, and economic impact of the Alzheimer’s epidemic, just as the nation’s 78 million Baby Boomers were aging into their mid-60s—Alzheimer’s territory. We reported that women were not only half the people living with the disease but also more than half of the country’s unpaid caregivers. A Woman’s Nation Pushes Back from the Brink is the third in the series. For more information, please visit www.ShriverReport.org.