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**AFSCME Council 5 Praises Build Back Better Deal**

**South St. Paul, MN** - AFSCME Council 5 Executive Director Julie Bleyhl released the following statement after President Joe Biden and Congress reach agreement on the Build Back Better framework:

"Our union of 43,000 workers and all working people will be positively impacted by the passage of the negotiated Build Back Better framework that will transform our country and center the lives of working people. This framework provides a cap on the cost of child care to 7% of income for working families, funds free universal pre-school, an expanded child tax credit and extended Earned Income Tax Credit that will directly benefit hard working families, provides hearing coverage to seniors on Medicare, and more. All of these provisions are paid for by repealing many of Donald Trump's harmful and disastrous tax cuts for the wealthy and large corporations and also includes President Joe Biden's world-changing 15% minimum global tax rate on corporations. President Biden recognizes that no worker should ever pay more in taxes than multi-national corporations who have earned billions in profit.

"While we are grateful for many of the provisions contained in this framework agreement, we remain steadfastly committed to policies that were left out of the bill due to tough negotiations, including fighting for paid family and medical leave for all working people and join nearly every other country on Earth in providing this paid leave on a national level, as well as increasing effective tax rates on the wealthy and large profitable corporations, fully funding the IRS to go after wealthy tax cheats, and providing further direct relief to working people across our country. We have more to do, and our union is ready to fight for our members and the working-class. That's the Union Difference!

"We encourage this framework's swift passage so Congress can also pass the bipartisan infrastructure bill that will be one the largest infrastructure investments in our country's history and will create millions of union jobs."

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