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# THE BFD REPORT



## from Family Forward Action

{{FirstName or 'Friend'}},

It's easier than ever to feel apathetic. Every day, something devastating is happening. We're losing constitutional rights, Congress isn't investing in child care, monkey pox is on the rise, BA5 is the most contagious COVID variant yet, heat waves, school shootings...and on top of all that (and more), many of us have been tasked with finding summertime care for our kids and families.

It's A LOT right now. But here's the thing—they want us to quit caring. Moms and caregivers are the engine that fuels our society, and we've been steering the car in a new direction. **Billionaires and extremists are doing whatever they can to yank back the steering wheel.** They're throwing the car in reverse as they desperately try to hold onto their power.

**But we're old pros at staying on the road.** We've had years of practice driving while snacks are thrown, Baby Shark blares, and we're half an hour late to soccer practice/work/a dentist appointment.

As moms and caregivers, we know how to stay the course. That's evident in our wins this July! I hope they remind you that this period of history is temporary; that we are driving somewhere beautiful where there will be rest (and maybe even quiet), and that as always, we'll get there *together*.

# YOUR WINS

- We launched our [Care Voter / Prometo Votar](#) campaign this week. Our staff has spent all summer thinking about how to keep folks engaged during these trying times, and we're excited to share this new campaign with you. More below!
- [Oregon's paid family and medical leave program](#) has launched their website! What's so exciting about a website? Well, this one demonstrates that we passed the most inclusive and equitable law in the country - including translation into 13 languages, representation for many types of families, and clear information about how to take paid leave for anyone an Oregonian defines as their family. This is a monumental victory years in the making — thanks to you!
- Family Forward Action Team Member Magy Viveros was awarded the John Lewis Youth Leadership Award by Oregon's Secretary of State, Shemia Fagan! [Photos here](#).
- Our team has grown to meet this moment! Welcome Audreona and Francisca below, and join us in congratulating Elisa Andrade on her new role as Organizing Director.

## YOUR IMPACT

We need more elected officials who care about care. After seeing Congress fail to take any meaningful action on the essentials moms and caregivers need (national paid leave, child care, extended child tax credits, funding for mental health care, meaningful gun safety legislation, investments in climate justice, etc), we know it's time for new leaders. We also know that our hyper-local and statewide races really matter. We've seen how amazing it is when we have moms and caregivers in positions of power. It's time to make sure they're there at all levels of government, from City Hall to Congress.

That's why we've launched our [Care Voter / Prometo Votar](#) campaign. As care voters, we're pledging to vote for (or be!) the candidates who care about care. We're pledging to support those candidates and fight for the policies we need to move from hardly surviving to really thriving. At the same time, we know that a long history of voter suppression has made it difficult or impossible for many moms and caregivers to vote. We're encouraging folks who can't vote to still "get their vote in" by ensuring that at least four family members or friends become care voters. Learn more and [sign the pledge](#).

We're proud and grateful to be meeting this unique moment in history by expanding our team so that we can continue to organize, mobilize, and win the policies moms

and caregivers need. You can meet our amazing new team members [here](#).

The work we're doing together fills me with hope, as always.

That's a BFD.

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