

ners of their families—meaning families are increasingly relying on women's wages to make ends meet. Equal pay is essential to ensuring women and families' long-term economic security.

Between 2014 and 2016, the <u>executive branch</u> took <u>critical action</u> to provide <u>new tools</u> to f ght the pay gap. Because of these actions, federal contractors are now <u>prohibited</u> from retaliating against employees who dis-