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**TJ Cox Releases Third Ad “Team Effort” Focusing on Equal Pay,
Women’s Health Care, and Paid Family Leave**

SELMA – TJ Cox, Democratic candidate for the 21st Congressional District, has released his third television advertisement. “[Team Effort](#)” emphasizes Cox’s commitment to helping local families thrive, including fighting for paid family leave, comprehensive women’s health care, and equal pay for equal work. Meanwhile, David Valadao has voted five times against considering the Paycheck Fairness Act and voted consistently to defund access to women’s health care.

“Families in the Central Valley face enough challenges getting by on a daily basis without our representatives in Washington working against us,” said Cox. “My wife Kathleen and I know firsthand the challenges of raising a family in the Valley. When women lose thousands of dollars in wages each year because of the pay gap, or can’t access the health care they need, the whole family suffers.”

According to the National Women’s Law Center, women working full-time typically only make 80 cents for every dollar paid to their male counterparts. This translates to women earning an average of \$10,000 less in a year than they should. **The wage gap is even worse for Latinas, who earn on average \$26,000 less in a year than they should.**

“For many of our families, these issues are a matter of survival. The wage gap keeps food off their tables, the lack of paid family leave forces parents to choose between caring for sick kids or keeping their job, and the lack of health care endangers lives,” said Cox. “It’s time that we have a representative here in the 21st Congressional District that is actually working for us.”

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TJ Cox is running for Congress in California’s 21st District. He is a family man, engineer and small businessman with a passion for community development. TJ is married to Kathleen Murphy, MD, a pediatric intensive care physician. They are the proud parents of four children.