

Pelosi: We can win ^[1]

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If Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) were to become Speaker again, she would work to pass a sweeping bill that would significantly expand federal childcare benefits.

In a sit-down interview in her office in the Capitol, the House minority leader stopped short of predicting that Democrats would regain the lower chamber in the 2014 midterm elections, but she had no hesitation in saying what she would use a majority for.

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Atop her priority list as Speaker, she said, would be "comprehensive affordable, quality childcare" for working mothers, which she sees as a natural extension of ObamaCare.

"That would have the biggest impact on women, families and ... job creation," Pelosi said. "That was on President Nixon's desk ... in the '70s, and he vetoed it for cultural or whatever reasons. And now we have to do that again."

Pelosi, the nation's first female Speaker, has long fought for progressive legislation on women's issues, whether at home, in the workforce or in politics.

Of a federal childcare law, she said: "This is the missing link in so many things that we've talked about. It is not exhaustive of all the things we want to do or have done with regard to women, but I do think it would unleash the power of women."

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