

To Whom It May Concern ,

As a resident of the state of Connecticut, I would like to extend my support for paid family leave. As a mom who had the luxury to stay home with her two children when they were infants, my heart breaks for those who cannot.

In addition to bonding and caring for their children, Mothers who must return to work struggle with providing the best nutrition for their babies. The world health organization has acknowledged the benefits of breast-milk for babies until at least six months of age. Establishment of a successful breast-feeding relationship between a mother and a baby takes time and practice. While pumping is an option for some, it can prove to be difficult for many different reasons. As a society, we should do our best to support breast-feeding relationships between mothers and infants in order to foster the best health for future generations. I would like to see Connecticut lead the way for paid family leave for all.

Thank you for taking this into consideration as you deliberate.

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