

Members of the Labor Committee:

I urge you to support SB 221. Half of the workers in our country have no coverage under the Family and Medical Leave Act and a large majority of those who do can't afford to take it because they are living paycheck to paycheck.

Put yourself in the shoes of someone who can't afford to take time off for treatment of a serious illness, or care of a sick loved one or a newborn. Can you imagine the anguish you would feel knowing every hour spent at work is keeping you from far more important duties at home? Ours is the only developed nation that fails to provide paid leave for those kinds of life changing events. It's time we joined the rest of the civilized world.

This proposal, largely funded by workers themselves, would ensure that people don't have to choose between their jobs and the health of their families. That sounds like a step in the right direction!

Please do the right thing for Connecticut Families and support SB 221.

Thank you,
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