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I am writing to you in support of Paid Family & Medical Leave.

I am the mother of 4 children.

I had to immediately return to work after the birth of my oldest 2 children. It was heart breaking. I missed so much of the first year of their lives. Time I can never get back. Time that should have been spent bonding with my new babies, playing on the floor, singing songs and breast feeding. I had to stop breast feeding my oldest at 2mos. and my second child at 6mos. because my employer - a hospital made it extremely difficult.