

Dear Connecticut Congress:

I am writing you on an urgent matter that directly effected my family last year.

My husband, who has many family members living outside of the USA, needed to travel home urgently.

His brothers health was in crisis and therefore the family business was struggling to stay afloat while he was ill.

My husband needed to raise money to help with medical bills, and travel home for a month to assist with all the family matters.

He notified his employer weeks in advance that we must have this time off. He was informed that the time off would be ok, but must be without pay or benefits.

his direct supervisor negotiated and confirmed the arrangement. My husband got on a plane feeling confident his employer was being supportive.

Ultimately, he needed to be away a total of 5 weeks. On the 10 day of his journey, I received notification from his employer.

His job was terminated for unexplained absences. My husband no longer had a job.

Please seriously consider the need for government to enforce the Paid Family Leave act as a necessity for all families.

We never know what is around the corner.

Thank you so much for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

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