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Hi - would like to submit the below written testimony on behalf of Alice Garlock. Thank you!

Dear Representative Porter, Senator Kushner, and distinguished members of the Labor Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to write in support of **SB 1 and HB 5003** and the creation of a paid family and medical leave program in the state of Connecticut. I'd like to share my personal story about why I support a real paid leave program.

My top surgery took six months to actually find the right doctor. That's just finding the doctor. My top surgery is going to happen in April so that my mom can have time off of work without using sick days because in April they have the scheduled time off. My surgery that took half a year to start was pushed back another three months, just because of the difficulty of taking time off. And my best friend's mom was going to try to take time off for me because she's a chosen family member, so the Chosen Family section is also very important. DNA doesn't determine family anymore.

Thank you,

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