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LD 1964

Dear Labor and Housing Committee, my name is Megan Marquis, and I live in China Village. I am writing today to ask you to support LD1964.

This affects me, because this bill would have helped me so much when I was taking care of my grandfather while I was finishing my last years of college. As the only other adult in my family, my mom didn't have paid leave- in fact she was under so much scrutiny from her corporate employer, because they were readily firing people who were thinking about retiring. This meant that I had to transfer schools, move across the country with what little I had in my savings, to keep my grandfather alive, while I was finishing up my education. I didn't have a traditional college experience, I had to find work that would accept the fact that I was taking care of my grandfather, so I could still pay bills, finish school, and help him. I learned the hard way, that companies don't care about their workers, unless the government incentivizes them too- and it's affected my work history, my mental health, my savings account, my relationships - compared to other people my age. If there was a system like Paid leave that could have helped me earlier on, I probably would have started my career on more equal footing, earned more money, had better mental health, and my mom would have been able to be there for her father too at the very beginning. This is why I support LD1964. This bill was needed a long time ago- and it's about time we enact it.