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Please Support LD 1964, Paid Family and Medical Leave

Dear Labor and Housing Committee,

I am writing to express my support for LD 1964, An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Develop a Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program.

When our son was born, I had the privilege of having 1 month paid leave with my employer, whereas my wife did not have any paid leave. She was able to take time off and return to her job after 3 months, but such an arrangement can only be exercised when families have substantial economic resources or support from family and friends to get them through this period. During this time, we kept saying to ourselves how important it was to be spending time with our newborn, and how tragic it is that so many parents must return to work almost immediately after the birth, rather than be present to nurture their child during this critical period of development.

To truly support the health and well-being of Maine families and children, we need to begin by enacting LD 1964 and create the paid family and medical leave program.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Saddleire". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Craig Saddleire  
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