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I am holding my newborn baby girl while typing this. At 4 weeks postpartum, I will be returning to work in the service industry. This is before my stitches will have been removed and before the recommended 12 weeks down time by both my doctors and pediatricians.

My situation is not unique and I find myself in the same position of having to choose between financial or physical health, and both are interconnected.

My partner works full time in flooring and has been unable to take any time off in order to continue to try and support both of us during these 4 weeks. The cost of living over the years has increased astronomically and of course we want to raise our family safely.

This program would help our family thrive in Maine. We are good workers, we are good parents, and this program would help us be sure we could return to the workforce.

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