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I am a retired Certified Nurse Midwife. I support forming a Commission to study how to implement Paid Family Medical Leave for all Maine families. I have seen too many women leave the workforce so they could care adequately for their babies. But this often came at a severe financial cost to the family that would never be ameliorated. Additionally I have seen far too many women make the painful choice of returning to work after only two weeks postpartum recovery. This is unacceptable. We must support families, women who may be breastfeeding, and Dads who actively parent.