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As a new mom, a working mom, it is so essential that this bill is passed here in Maine. I moved here from the Netherlands and paid leave is 20 weeks over there, which is modest compared to other European countries, but this bill is a great step into the right direction for Maine. Families should receive the space to recover, bond, and be together for these first weeks of life. A good start together is so crucial. Even if you have an uncomplicated birth, it still takes all of your focus and energy to get through the sleepless first weeks and get to know your new baby. To have to stress and worry about your job and your income is simply inhumane. We deserve better.