

Dear Early Childhood Committee,

PFML HF1200 is so important for healthy babies, Furthermore it healthy babies produce more successful children in the future. I support HF1200.

Sincerely,

Coralie Hunter St. Paul, MN

Dear Early Childhood Committee,

I strongly endorse HF1200. I want Minnesota's babies and young children to have the best start in life possible. Having consistent paid family & medical leave available will allow parents to invest the time with their children necessary for early brain development.

Sincerely,

Harmon B. Abrahamson, Ph.D.
Brooklyn Park, MN

I am writing in support of HF1200 for Paid Family Leave.

It is crucial that we support families and help babies get a healthy and happy grounding as newborns. This sets them up for successful child development as they continue to grow.

Carol Egan
District 52B
Mendota Heights

Dear Early Childhood Committee,

As a retired public health nurse who visited families in a high risk parenting program in Rochester, I am strongly in favor of paid family medical leave so mothers of newborns can stay at home to care for their infants.

Breastfeeding is the best method for feeding infants and this process is still getting coordinated between baby and mother at 2 weeks postpartum.

Please support these bills, HF #1200 and SF #1205 as written. We need them now!

Sincerely,
Patty Trnka
Rochester, MN 55901

In 1995, my daughter got pregnant, the dad went AWOL, and she gave birth to my grandson as a single mom. She was able to get Medical Assistance, but not any paid time off from her job. I was working at a demanding job and had gone back to school, and wasn't able to help much. It was wrenching to see her struggle.

Dolores Voorhees
St. Paul, MN 55116

Dear Early Childhood Development Committee,

I am writing because I am concerned about HF1200/SF1205. It benefits both parents and children when the parents have time off of work to bond with their new baby. It helps fathers become more involved and benefits mother's health, physically and mentally. It lays the foundation for the child's development. A baby who has their parents home with them will be supported and cared for, preparing them for the rest of their crucial early development. It should not be a luxury to have time off to heal and love one's baby; it should be a given. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
Ann Isaacs

Dear Early Childhood Committee:

I am a retired family physician, writing in support of the paid family and medical leave bill, HF 1200/SF 1205. It was a very common problem in my career that mothers and fathers were unable to take adequate time from work to bond with their newborn, or even be there during times of illness. They were forced to make awful decisions about giving up work in order to provide the necessary care. It is so important to early childhood development that parents can be with their children. Minnesota can afford to provide this support--it is an investment in our collective future that will pay off tremendously.

Sincerely,
Rod Christensen, MD
Northfield, MN