

To: Chair Sirotkin & the Committee on Economic Development, Housing, and General Affairs
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For many years Main Street Landing has provided paid leave for our employees. This has never diminished our bottom line or placed a burden on our staff. What it has done is create an opportunity for our employees to take the time they need to bond with their new baby, heal themselves, and become well and strong.

And when they return to their job, they are stronger in mind, body, and spirit. This creates a loyalty and commitment to the company they work for, and it creates complete and whole human beings who bring joy and fulfillment to their jobs.

This is an important bill - and it will also help bring young people back to our state to fill the jobs we need to fill to have a strong economy. This bill will make Vermont stronger on so many levels.

We fully supported the bill as it was introduced in the House - and fully supported the joint employer/employee split funding - and we would encourage the committee to consider restoring the personal medical leave and extending the number of weeks.

Please support this bill. It is time.