



To:

House Committee on Business and Labor
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Dear Chair Barker, Vice-Chair Barreto, Vice-Chair Bynum, and Members of the House Business and Labor Committee:

My name is Irene Nguyen. I am a member of APANO, the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon. I came to the United States with my family after the fall of Saigon in 1975 when I was 5 ½ years old, and have been a citizen of Portland, Oregon since 1978.

I am writing to urge the House Business and Labor Committee to vote in support of Paid Family Medical Leave Act, HB 3031.

I am the business owner of a small Product Design and Development Consultancy in Portland who strongly believes in planning for the future and paying into a system that will generate assistance to its citizens when absolutely needed. My remaining parent is an elderly mother who is 77 years old and in her time of need, I will be her primary caregiver. I will be required to take time away from work to take her to medical appointments and care for her. It is in this belief of living responsibly and of manifest destiny that I wholeheartedly support HB 3031.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Irene Nguyen