Dear Chair Barker,

I very concerned on several levels. 48 weeks of PAID leave? That is just shy of a year! A small shop does not have the resources to pay an abscent employee AND have to hire a temp to get the job done once completed by the employee on leave. Not at all practical for a small to mid size company!

I'm sure the idea sounds on the surface, however not at all practical in the real world of small business.

Sincerely,

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