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Dear Chairperson Corvese and members of the House Labor Committee:

I am Simon Braunstein, from Cumberland, RI. I'm a working dad with two kids. I'm not a part of any group.

I support House bill 7171 because spending enough time at home after my kids were born wasn't an option for me, and I wish it could have been. I was offered 3 days' leave for parental leave, and instead chose to quit my job. There are long term financial and emotional effects of not spending time with your family after the birth of a child. Being able to support your partner during that time is an opportunity to build a strong foundation for your family, a memory of having been there for each other. Our state must support families in this way. Society is built on strong social bonds -- on trust -- don't you think?

I want Rhode Island to be a place we can all be proud of -- a place I brag about. And you can give that to us! I urge you to vote in favor of bill H7171.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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