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Dear Ministers

My daughter's first baby is due in two weeks. Had she known about the cuts to Paid Parental Leave (PPL), she would have organised with her work for more time off. Now, so she can spend more time with her baby, they will be living off one wage.

If these cuts go ahead, we, as Grandparents to be, will also have to contribute our time where we can and possibly monetary contributions to get them through to the stage where our daughter will be able to go back to work.

Mothers shouldn't be penalised for wanting to spend more time with a new born to at least 12months. That is the most challenging time for a parent and we don't want strangers in day care centres bringing up the baby instead.

The cost of day care doesn't make it worthwhile to go back to work, so why not pay the PPL as it would be cheaper than funding the day care. Parents today have far more challenges than the Baby Boomers, with higher repayment mortgages because of the price of houses (not just the suburb). It is the most basic wage payment. They won't be getting the same payment as their wage but a little can go a long way.

Please reconsider these cuts to the PPL.

Yours sincerely,

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