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The FMLA is a good basic policy for families and businesses, but it needs to be expanded to include paid leave and to imbrace those who work for companies with less than 50 employees. PAID leave has been shown to lower infant mortality rates, while other forms of leave have not. Please put your energies into studying how this good-start act can be expanded to be truly beneficial to more workers and their newborn babies, not in trying to rewrite the act or start from scratch.

Thank You.

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