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Dear Mr Northam

Mark

The Federal Labor Government is legislating to include 10 days of paid domestic and family violence leave in national workplace laws. The bill, introduced in Parliament yesterday, will cover all workers, including casual workers. We know women are overrepresented in the casual workforce, so this is a crucial inclusion.

In December last year, the Independent Education Union joined me in advocating for this leave entitlement to the government at the time. After years of advocacy, it is important to mark this entitlement now being implemented for all workers, and I want to thank you for your support, advocacy and determination. I also want to acknowledge the tireless commitment of the Union movement in driving the *We Won't Wait* campaign that highlighted the need for this type of leave.

I look forward to a future where no worker in Australia will need to choose between their job, and escaping domestic and family violence. With your support, that future is set to become a reality. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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