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## **President Biden's American Families Plan Provides Three Days Leave For the Newly Bereaved, with Possible Wage Replacement**

### ***Evermore Looks to Congress For Bereavement Leave Support***

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Evermore commends President Joe Biden's proposal to support newly bereaved families with the inclusion of bereavement leave in his American Families Plan.

"We are thrilled that the President's bill proposes three days of bereavement leave, possibly with pay," said Joyal Mulheron, Evermore's Executive Director. "This is a critical first step. No one should lose a loved one and then their job. As a nation, nearly every family has lost a loved one to COVID-19, overdose, suicide, homicide or another tragedy. It's time to start caring for one another, our neighbors and communities."

The President's bill proposes three days of bereavement leave per year starting in year one which may include partial wage replacement.

Evermore submitted a letter calling for bereavement leave signed by more than 100 organizations endorsing bereavement leave measures. The coalition is encouraged by the support received from The White House and now is looking to Congress to codify these protections into law.

Families confront an array of decisions and hardships in the days following the death of a loved one. Bereavement leave is not simply for planning a memorial event, it is about a family's resiliency, economic preservation, housing security, or just beginning to understand what life is like without their loved one.

Evermore is a national nonpartisan nonprofit that is engaging thousands of volunteers around the country to ensure bereavement leave remains on the nation's agenda. We are working to shift public opinion about the hidden crisis of bereavement. We are advancing the nation's scientific base to increase research on this issue and advocating for policy protections for

bereaved families. Evermore is dedicated to making the world a more livable place for bereaved families.

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