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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
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Dear Prime Minister,

I've recently become aware of a loophole in the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) and Employment Insurance (EI) that is negatively impacting many pregnant women in Canada.

In my community, several pregnant women who have been laid off from work due to COVID-19 have been told they do not qualify for the CERB due to their pregnancy. These women are forced to draw income through EI as well as use their maternity leave during this period, despite being able to work if it weren't for COVID-19. This rule will cut short the maternity leave of Canadian mothers, some by several months. These mothers should not be forced to go back to work before their maternity leave ends due to situations beyond their control.

Please advise of what your government is doing to address this situation, which is impacting thousands of Canadian families across the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Jeneroux', written over a horizontal line.

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