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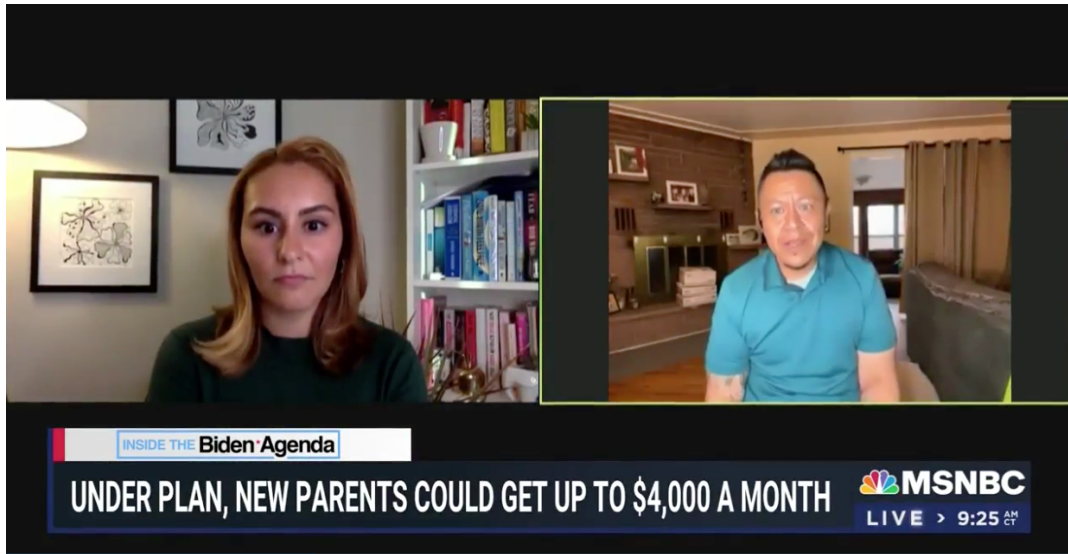
## ***WATCH: MSNBC Highlights Calls from Advocates and Workers to Pass National Paid Leave Policy***

### *MSNBC's Ali Vitali Discusses Momentum for Passing Paid Leave*

**Washington, DC** — MSNBC Correspondent Ali Vitali reported on the proposed national paid family and medical leave policy in the Biden Administration's American Families Plan yesterday. Vitali spoke to workers and advocates, including **Paid Leave for All Director Dawn Huckelbridge**, on the potential impact of passing paid leave for all working Americans and the importance of care infrastructure to our national economic recovery.

**Kris Garcia of Denver, CO**, shared the challenges he faced as the main caregiver to his ailing father, living 900 miles away and working a job that only offered four days of paid time off per year. Forced to choose between his livelihood and his caregiving responsibilities, Garcia recalled struggling to make a choice: "my dad was having major surgeries, a quadruple bypass, and I really should be there."

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*Garcia ultimately received a call at work that his father would not make it, and removed his father from life support without the option to take time away from his job. Kris says that having a comprehensive paid leave policy in place at the time “would have made a world of difference.”*

*Following the announcement of the American Families Plan, advocates recognize a rare, historic opportunity to make a long-overdue investment in American workers. “What I think we should have learned over the past year is that at some point in our lives, every single one of us is going to need to give and receive care. We all are one diagnosis away from a crisis,” said **Paid Leave for All Director Dawn Huckelbridge**.*



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*The Paid Leave for All campaign is a growing collaborative of organizations fighting for paid family and medical leave for all working people. Learn more about Paid Leave for All [here](#).*