Dear *(INSERT NAME),*

My name is *(INSERT NAME)*. I work as a *(INSERT JOB TITLE)* in *(INSERT TOWN / REGION / ELECTORATE)*

I am writing to ask you to vote to introduce 10 days paid domestic violence leave for all workers in the National Employment Standards (*Fair Work Amendment (Paid Family and Domestic Violence Leave) Bill 2022*).

As you would know, on average a woman is killed each week by a partner, ex-partner or family member in Australia. This is unacceptable and we must do all we can to ensure that women can leave violence.

Family and domestic violence is the leading cause of death, disability, and illness among women aged 15-44 years, greater than cancer or heart disease.

It is estimated that leaving family violence can cost up to $20,000 and take more than 140 hours.

Paid family and domestic violence leave can give a woman – and it nearly always is a woman – the time, support and job security she needs to escape and recover from an abusive relationship.

This leave must be available for full time part time and casual workers.

This must be a universal entitlement. A woman’s right to safety shouldn’t depend on her employer, how she’s employed or how many hours she works.

I am a proud member of the Australian Services Union and we have been calling for this life saving leave for 10 years. The time is now. This will save lives.

I hope I can count on your support.

Kind regards,

*NAME
ADDRESSS*