



And now let us  
believe in a long year  
that is given to us,  
new, untouched, full  
of things that have  
never been.

— Rainer Maria Rilke

**Things that have never been . . . like new babies, and eight weeks of pay for a D.C. working mother who has just given birth.**

At First Shift, we are looking forward to [healthier mothers and healthier babies in 2020](#).

You can support these women and their new little ones with your donation to First Shift's work to help them exercise their [new rights to paid family leave insurance](#).

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