

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JIMMY PANETTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 29, 2023*

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I unfortunately was unable to be present for the motion to adjourn vote on December 14, 2023, which was called suddenly and closed early.

Had I been present, I would have voted: nay on rollcall No. 722.

INTRODUCTION OF THE JURY  
DUTY EXEMPTION FOR  
BREASTFEEDING ACT OF 2023

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 29, 2023*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Jury Duty Exemption for Breastfeeding Act of 2023, which would allow breastfeeding individuals summoned for jury service in the federal courts and in the Super-

rior Court of the District of Columbia to be excused from service upon the individual's request. The benefits of breastfeeding are well-documented, and individuals should not be deterred from breastfeeding by jury service.

This bill would apply to the D.C. Superior Court, in addition to the federal courts, because the D.C. Home Rule Act prohibits the D.C. Council from enacting any law relating to title 11 of the D.C. Code. Title 11 governs jury service in the D.C. Superior Court.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

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