

To whom it may concern,

Covid-19 has greatly affected the community and globally as we already know. Many lives have been lost and many families affected by such loss. My story is one who has been affected as well. I found out I was expecting first baby on January 2020. Partner and I were hoping to get married sometime this year prior to finding out of my Pregnancy. Our plan as a couple was to move in together, get married this year and be able to established a family. Unfortunately, things took a different route due to the economic impact.

My partner lost his job on March 15, 2020. He was lay off indefinitely. I was working as well full time and my hours got reduced from 40 to 30 hours per week. In May, 2020 my partner decided to go to Orlando, Florida for a temp job he was offered selling timeshares to tourists. New Jersey at that point was one of the states with peak infection of covid-19. We thought would be a good idea for him to go and work even if temporarily to be able to provide for us. In June 15, 2020 my partner was infected from covid-19 and unable to return home. He had to quarantine for 2 weeks and by that time the temp job had ended. He spent additional money in renting a hotel to quarantine and by that time our relationship was having a negative impact with him not being able to return in time to help me. The distance end up bringing us apart more and more. I had to manage working while expecting and trying to get things done for upcoming newborn.

When partner was able to get back to New Jersey end of July, 2020 he came back with severe depression and was struggling like many others to obtain employment. My pregnancy was a bit rough as he was very depressed and unable to help me. This pandemic took and still plays a major impact in our lives. We are currently struggling financially and emotionally.