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**Sarah Jaffe**

to mediarelations, Bill ▾

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Hello,

I'm a reporter with The Progressive magazine and have spoken with PetSmart employee Isabela Burrows, who told me that when she came down with Covid-19, she was pressured by store leadership to return to work after only a few days off, and that when she did return, they accused her of taking a vacation rather than having had Covid. She further told me that she was moved to a different store after the death of her brother, when a store leader pushed her to come back to work rather than visit him in the hospital, and when she did return to work, told her she needed to "get over the fact that he died."

I know Ms. Burrows has spoken to other reporters, but wanted to give PetSmart a chance to respond to this, and to explain what the company policy is regarding Covid-19 quarantine and bereavement leave.

My deadline is Friday, May 6, by 5pm Eastern. My editor is CC'd here.

Thanks.