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My main focus on social security is that I would like to see an overlap so that a lady can work, without benefit cuts, for a small period of time. This would enable entry to the workplace without fear of the short-term consequences. For example, when I have re-entered 'employment' over the past 8 years, council tax increase and benefit deduction outweighed the positives of working. I would suggest that the Government enable all mothers and carers work during school hours, and in school weeks, so that there is minimal need for social security. If women can work for professional pay, there will be no need for the social security system to cover childcare or other benefits.

I have included a link to my blog post for further reading.

Yours sincerely,

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'Flexible Working Isn't an Option.' That's What My Employer Confirmed During My Maternity. I Had to Choose, My Career or My Daughter? I Chose My Daughter and Paid the Price.

<https://singlemumsbusinessnetwork.com/2020/01/20/i-set-up-the-single-mums-business-network-following-my-own-8-year-journey-as-a-single-mum-trying-to-balance-work-childcare-finance-and-business-despite-stigma/>