**Sent:** Tuesday, May 10, 2022 4:30 PM

**To:** TownCouncil Mailbox

**Subject:** Family and Medical Leave Insurance

Honorable Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, and Members of Town Council,

Your Castle Rock Professional Firefighters understand the Town of Castle Rocks' position to opt-out of the FAMLI program. L4116 **fully supports** this decision since our members can opt into the program.

Kind regards,

Matt Osborn

President

Castle Rock Professional Firefighter L4116

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From: Kevin Buffington

**Sent:** Friday, May 13, 2022 9:37 AM

To: TownCouncil Mailbox

**Subject:** An Employee's Perspective | Participation in the FAMLI Program

## Respected Councilmembers,

It has come to my attention that Town Council will vote on participation in the Family & Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI) program. If you believe in strong family values, you should support this program too.

Participation in this program will demonstrate to the citizens and employees of the Town that we uphold strong family values and morals. The best families are created when they can pull together early, often, and during life's stressful events (military deployment, major injury, etc). New mothers and fathers should not have to choose between taking unpaid leave or getting to spend time with their newborns. The United States is the <u>only wealthy country</u> and the only industrialized country in the world that <u>does not</u> guarantee paid parental leave (see citations).

In the past two years, I have witnessed the Town loose countless great employees who are finding better benefits, work-life balance, and pay elsewhere. Staff are the life-blood of a thriving organization. With inflation and resignation at a near all-time high, it is crucial that we participate in this program in order to retain our best staff.

Please reach out to me with any questions or comments,

Sincerely, Kevin Buffington

Kevin Buffington, E.I. Plan Review Engineer Castle Rock Water 720.733.2308

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