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TO: Representative Faith Winter  
FROM: PL+US: Paid Leave for the U.S.  
DATE: April 18, 2017  
RE: Support for HB17-1307

Paid Leave for the U.S. (PL+US) is a bold new national organization with a single mission: win paid family leave for everyone in the United States.

We are writing in support of HB17-1307, the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program Wage Replacement (FAMLI) and the objectives it aims to meet.

In particular, we are enthusiastic about the strength of the financing plan and the opportunity for Colorado to be a leader in being the first state to explore PRIs and social impact investing to fund the start-up costs of such an initiative. We hope that Colorado's innovation in this area will inspire other states to follow suit and utilize new funding mechanisms to enable the creation of paid family leave programs in other states.

In partnership with a number of other non-profit organizations, including Family Values at Work, we have been in discussion with external parties (investors, foundations, and banks) who are interested in exploring the opportunity to fund a program-related investment in paid family leave. As HB17-1307 moves forward, we expect continued interest from innovative philanthropists and progressive banking institutions who are intrigued by the idea of utilizing private investment to spur innovation in this area.

We are eager to continue finding ways to introduce new funders to this work and help propel HB17-1307 so that all Coloradans can be there with their families when they're needed most.

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