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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF H.B. No. 6034

AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR A POOL FACILITY FOR THE SOUNDVIEW FAMILY YMCA IN BRANFORD

Representative Villano, Senator Harris and members of the Human Services Committee, thank you for the opportunity of testifying before you today in support of H.B. No. 6034, AA Authorizing Bonds of the State for a Pool Facility for the Soundview Family YMCA in Branford.

I enthusiastically ask your support for this important project for the shoreline towns of Madison, Guilford, Branford, North Branford and East Haven. For 40 years we have been expressing the need for a family oriented facility that would provide the community services proposed by the Soundview Family YMCA. Our towns do not individually have the resources to provide the services proposed by the "Y" and are united in the effort to collaborate to bring this project to fruition.

The proposed facility is much more than a pool. It includes a 25 yard, 8 lane lap pool for fitness swimming, training, competition, and therapy as well as a 25 yard, 4 lane pool for recreation and leisure swimming, warm water therapy and swim lessons. It will include a full service teen center, a professional child care center, a wellness center, a child watch room, an outdoor day camp and hiking and nature trails.

The facility is designed to meet the needs of those with physical disabilities and will accommodate the trainers, coaches and athletes of SPECIAL OLYMPICS CT and their local affiliates.

This is a great opportunity for the people of our shoreline community and I respectfully urge your support for H.B. No. 6034.