



**CGA Human Services Committee  
February 27, 2007 Public Hearing  
Support for:**

**SB146 An Act Creating An Earned Income Credit Against The Personal Income Tax and  
HB 6649 An Act Concerning A State Earned Income Tax Credit  
Comments by Cheryl Dunson, Public Issues Vice President**

The League of Women Voters of Connecticut strongly supports the establishment of a state earned income tax credit to give about 165,000 low-income Connecticut working families a break.

The federal poverty level for a family of 3 is \$15,170. Connecticut's minimum wage is \$7.10 per hour, yielding less than \$12,000 yearly for a full-time worker. With the rising costs of fuel and utilities, compounded by restricted federal funding for childcare and healthcare, Connecticut must do better for its working poor residents. It is time for Connecticut to join our neighboring states in support of a tax credit for taxpayers who are the State's lowest paid workers.

Please vote yes in support of SB146 and HB 6649.

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