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Testimony of Representative Angel Arce
Commerce Committee

House Bill #5782, An Act Authorizing Bonds Of The State For The Institute For The Hispanic Family

Good morning (afternoon) Chairman LeBeau, Chairman Perone and members of the Commerce Committee. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to address the committee this afternoon (morning). I am Representative Angel Arce and I represent the 4th Assembly District in Hartford. I am here to testify in favor of House Bill 5782, An Act Authorizing Bonds of The State (in the amount of \$250,000), For The Institute For The Hispanic Family for a therapeutic preschool and parenting program.

I believe the work of the Institute for the Hispanic Family over the years has been of great benefit to the city of Hartford and residents in need. This expansion of services to incorporate youth and parents at risk is a step in the right direction to address the mental health and well-being of both. Early intervention is the key and a crucial component of the successful raising of stable and healthy kids.

This program expansion seeks to work not only with children, but all of the adults in a child's life in order to help them work together. If children are not surrounded by supporting adults, their chances of making it in life are diminished. This program aims to bridge the gap between adults and children and I believe it will be a worthwhile and effective investment in our city's and state's future.

The Institute for the Hispanic Family has a proven track record of excellent work in the community and I am confident this expansion of services will be equally as successful. I thank you once again and urge the committee's support.

Sincerely,

Rep. Angel Arce