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In Support of:
H.B. No. 6116, An Act Increasing The Number of Internships and Summer Jobs for Low-Income Youth
Throughout Connecticut

Good morning Senator Bartolomeo, Representative Willis, and Honorable members of the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee. As Chairman of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus, I would like to express our strong support of **H.B. 6116, *An Act Increasing The Number of Internships and Summer Jobs for Low-Income Youth Throughout Connecticut.***

H.B. 6116 would increase the number of federal and state funded summer jobs for low-income youth in urban and areas with the highest youth unemployment rates. The legislation would create a lottery system for summer jobs programs to ensure there is no nepotism or the appearance of favoritism in who gets a job. This would ensure that equal opportunities are available to low-income youth. Our communities need to have more economic mobility and that starts with more opportunities given to our youth.

Let us ensure an even the playing the field and create a more diverse working economy.

Thank you Senator Bartolomeo, Representative Willis, and committee members for the opportunity to present testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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