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H.B. 6784, An Act Expanding Paid Sick Leave
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Senator Winfield, Representative Tercyak and members of the Labor Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. My name is Don Maletto and I represent the 16 Boys and Girls Club organizations across Connecticut.

Boys and Girls Clubs in Connecticut are concerned about H.B. 6784, An Act Expanding Paid Sick Leave. We are opposed to the elimination of Section 1. Section 31-57r(4) “any nationally chartered organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, that provides all of the following services: Recreation, child care and education,” from state statute.

The Alliance consists of sixteen organizations serving 50,000 young people in thirty-five towns and cities. Boys and Girls Clubs provide a safe haven that has programs that supplement the school day by providing out of school time programs that are targeted to achieve three outcomes; academic success, healthy lifestyles and good character and citizenship. The average cost of membership to join a Boys and Girls Club is fifty dollars per year.

This legislation would have a cost impact of over \$155,000 on our clubs or in other terms the yearly membership for 3,100 boys and girls.

Boys and Girls Clubs operate efficiently. We do this in order to provide the most cost effective programs possible to reach the children who need us most. This legislation is just one more barrier to climb for clubs already financially challenged. Please consider the consequences this legislation will have on Boys and Girls Clubs and other non-profit service providers operating already at break-even budgets while serving their mission to capacity for the residents of Connecticut. Thank you.

