



**Luke A. Bronin**  
**Mayor**

Education Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 3100  
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Thank you Representative Fleishman, Senator Slossberg and members of the Education Committee for the opportunity to offer testimony in opposition to H.B. 5306, "An Act Concerning Recommendations of The Office of Early Childhood".

This legislation, if enacted, would have serious financial consequences on the City of Hartford's seven Boys & Girls clubs – three neighborhood clubs and four clubs in collaboration with educational institutions. Currently, the Boys & Girls clubs are exempt from licensure requirements for child care services. Without this exemption, the city of Hartford's Boys & Girls clubs would be forced to bear the cost of approximately \$430,000 annually in licensure fees. This additional expense would cause reductions in the hours of operation and the number of youths served by the Boys & Girls Clubs citywide, diminishing the Clubs' ability to provide vitally important recreational and educational opportunities to young people in Hartford. I urge you to reconsider this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luke Bronin", is written over a horizontal line.

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