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Dear Senator Fonfara, Representative Scanlon, Senator Martin, Representative Cheeseman, and the distinguished members of the Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee,

My name is Chikwon Loyd, and I am currently living in the Town of East Hartford, Connecticut.

I am majoring in Social Services at Capital Community College and a member of the 4C's Local

1973 Union. I have lived in the Hartford area for twenty-one years which is why I am

knowledgeable to strongly support the HB 6187 and SB 821 bill. I have witnessed many poor

areas of the Hartford community that could use more support and less tension in areas where it is

no good. Yet, we pay more taxes than the rich community in the Hartford area. There are 17

billionaires in Connecticut, which is a high number of people who have a large and increasing

amount of money. The 17 billionaires and including millionaires don't pay as much as the

average income people. Individuals whose income is under \$200,000 pay more taxes than the

billionaires and millionaires in this state. How is that even possible or reasonable? They have

more than enough money to give back their share of taxes and more yet they don't. The way they

set the bills and laws up in this state benefits the richer portion of people who have more wealth

to where they don't have to pay not as much. If we were to ask them to pay 5 percent more taxes

than the average community, it still wouldn't be close to the amount of tax money that both the

middle class and lower class pays which is a big eye-opener. This union and community should

consider this when deciding to pass this bill as it will push for a change for the year 2021 and the

future for kids, families, and businesses. Everyone deserves an equal chance to go for what they

want in their life and if this bill passes, it will jump-start many American children and people

towards aiming their dreams. Meaning that they will not be spending more of the little money

they already have than making more of it just to pay it back, paying this type of tax when

millionaires don't even have to, is not right. I, Chikwon Loyd, certify that I support the HB 6187 and SB 821 bill to change the Hartford and Connecticut areas so we can be a stronger unit and equal. I have witnessed my mom who has seven kids struggle because of the amount of taxes being taken out of her checks. This tax bill indeed will help parents to be stable enough to save money for their children instead of paying more taxes that neither of the 17 billionaires isn't paying. This bill will become a life changer and will make a positive impact on my generation of young people. I would like the Honorable Members of *the Legislative Committee* hearing the bill, to consider the fact that COVID-19 has affected many families in Connecticut and it's difficult for people to adjust to these types of standards at this moment. People need help more than ever and this bill supports just that. Poor communities and families need more support and less stress. We want to build the community of black African Americans, Spanish, and any other racial ethnicities we have in our state. I want to learn and become the best social worker I can be, therefore, I urge the Committee to have the courage to make the right choice and pass HB 6187 and SB 821 as it will set our state to be equal and on a path to robust economic recovery by restoring fairness to our tax code.

Thank you for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,

Chikwon Loyd

Member of the 4Cs

Congress of CT Community Colleges

