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HILLARY CLINTON “VERY SUPPORTIVE” OF SODA TAX

*Democratic Presidential frontrunner’s endorsement a major step forward
for expanded pre-K in Philadelphia*

Hillary Clinton has announced that she is “very supportive” of the proposed Sugary Drinks Tax as the best way to expand pre-K services for young children in Philadelphia.

The Democratic Presidential frontrunner told a packed forum in Philadelphia Wednesday evening: “I’m very supportive of the Mayor’s proposal to tax soda to get universal pre-school for kids. I mean, we need universal pre-school. And if that’s a way to do it, that’s how we should do it.”

“This is major step forward for all Philadelphians who believe that we must invest in our children and in our neighborhoods, and we appreciate Secretary Clinton’s support for the plan to expand pre-K services throughout the city,” said Kevin Feeley, spokesman for Philadelphians for a Fair Future, the coalition of more than 50 citywide organizations supporting the proposed tax to fund investments in pre-K, community schools, and revitalized recreation centers, parks and libraries. “Her support helps the public understand that there is a critical need for these investments, and the proposed Sugary Drinks Tax is the fairest and most effective way to pay for them.

Here’s a link to the CNN story running now about the endorsement:

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/04/21/politics/hillary-clinton-soda-tax-philadelphia/index.html>

About PFF

Philadelphians for a Fair Future represents a growing coalition of organizations from all walks of life in Philadelphia, including: Public Citizens for Children and Youth; the Philadelphia Parks Alliance; the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers; Education Voters of Pennsylvania; the Service Employees International Union; Center for Popular Democracy; the Alliance of Community Service Providers; the Delaware Valley Association for the Education of Young Children; Men United for a Better Philadelphia; Ceiba; Action United; Aspira; the Center for Science in the Public Interest; Lodge 5 of the FOP; Local 22, IAFF; District Councils 33 and 47,

AFSCME; Youth United for Change; and multiple community development corporations and small business owners from throughout the city.

The Coalition's activities are focused on raising public awareness about the importance of the Mayor's budget investments and the need to enact the Sugary Drinks tax as the only fair way to pay for them.

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