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Philadelphians
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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**STATEMENT REGARDING PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE
TO SUGARY DRINKS TAX**

Philadelphians for a Fair Future (PFF) opposes the alternative plan proposed by President Darrell Clarke to impose a lower tax on Sugary Drinks and provide funding for only one-third the pre-K seats we desperately need. While we are pleased that the President's plan acknowledges that the tax is the best way to raise revenue, and that his proposal recognizes the importance of community schools and neighborhood revitalization, we are concerned it would dramatically cut the level of funding for pre-K expansion in Philadelphia.

Pre-K expansion enjoys the overwhelming support of Philadelphia voters, 80 percent of whom – over 120,000 citizens – endorsed it when the question appeared on the May, 2015 ballot. We can and we must do better. The Mayor's proposals provide critically important improvements for public education and our neighborhoods, and we urge our partners and the public to express their dissatisfaction with any alternative that asks our fellow citizens to settle for less.

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