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The logo consists of a teal rectangular background. The word "Philadelphians" is written in white, sans-serif font at the top. Below it, the words "for a" are written in a smaller, white, cursive font. To the right of "for a", the words "FAIR FUTURE" are written in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font.

## **CLINTON'S BIG DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VICTORY SHOWS STRONG SUPPORT FOR SODA TAX**

*Frontrunner calls for tax to pay for expanded pre-K as she sweeps Philadelphia vote*

*(Philadelphia, April 27, 2016)* – Hillary Clinton's impressive win in Tuesday's Pennsylvania Democratic presidential primary, including a huge win in Philadelphia, demonstrates that voters support her endorsement of the proposed Sugary Drinks Tax as the best way to pay for expanded pre-K services throughout the city.

The Democratic presidential frontrunner, who swept to victory in Philadelphia by nearly 100,000 votes on her way to a strong 12 percentage point win statewide over Sen. Bernie Sanders, enthusiastically endorses Mayor Kenney's proposal to fund expanded pre-K and other critical programs to improve public education and rebuild struggling city neighborhoods.

"I'm very supportive of the Mayor's proposal to tax soda to get universal pre-school for kids," Clinton said during the campaign. "I mean, we need universal pre-school. And if that's a way to do it, that's how we should do it." Sen. Sanders had publicly opposed the tax.

Clinton's victory "demonstrates that Philadelphians strongly support the effort to invest in our children's future," said Kevin Feeley, spokesman for Philadelphians for a Fair Future, a coalition of more than 50 organizations citywide that support the tax. "Voters understand that our children can't wait any longer for programs that will provide them with a quality public education, and they said so in overwhelming numbers in this election."

### **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,

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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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