



Legislative Endorsement Guidelines

The Children’s League of Massachusetts (CLM) will be asked during the legislative cycle to support or oppose legislation. This form will be used to inform CLM members about these requests, as well as provide feedback from CLM members on the level of endorsement CLM will take. The final decision on endorsement will reside with CLM membership which will be voted on during CLM’s board meetings. The vote will take place after a presentation of the legislation and a short period for debate from members.

CLM will strive to reflect the consensus of the membership when endorsing legislation. However, in circumstances where that is not possible, a vote in accordance with our by-laws will be taken. If at any time a request to endorse or oppose legislation comes to CLM with an emergency timeline (less than 15 business days) the Executive Committee will have the final decision.

CLM’s endorsement levels are as follows with the most effort for CLM’s staff going into the top endorsement level (see below for more details):

Level 1—Highest level of support	Level 2—Support and provide periodic aid
Level 3—Support in Name Only	Level 4—Oppose

Members will be reminded that when making their recommendation on endorsement that they keep CLM’s goal of *promoting the availability, accessibility, and quality of needed services to children, youth, and their families* in mind.

CLM will designate priority issues that it will lead the effort on. This will be on a continual basis with input from the membership and the public policy committee.

Please attach a copy of the legislation and any supporting or opposing information to this form.

Levels of CLM Endorsement

1. Level 1 – CLM endorses this legislation and is an active member with partners or coalitions
 - CLM works in partnership with a coalition or other organizations
 - CLM attends coalition meetings
 - CLM offers support in creating supporting documents, including action alerts
 - CLM testifies at committee hearings and/or creates a panel of CLM members
 - CLM works together to strategize moving legislation throughout the process
 - CLM provides press support if necessary
 - CLM lists legislation on website with a link to the legislation and supporting documentation

2. Level 2 – CLM supports this legislation and works towards its passage
 - CLM provides periodic strategic input
 - CLM attends critical meetings
 - CLM offers name to any supporting documents
 - CLM provides written testimony to committee
 - CLM lists legislation on website with a link to the legislation and supporting documentation

3. Level 3 – CLM supports the intent of the legislation
 - CLM provides support in name
 - CLM provides written testimony when possible
 - CLM lists legislation on website with a link to the legislation and supporting documentation

4. Oppose – CLM opposes this legislation and actively works to stop its passage
 - CLM lends name to stopping legislation
 - CLM provides written/in-person testimony when needed
 - CLM attends meetings, writes letters, and other advocacy as needed

Legislative Endorsement Request

Request for Endorsement/Opposition from:

Requester Contact Information:

Date of Request:

Date Response Needed by:

Bill or Docket Number:

Bill or Policy Title:

Bill Sponsor or Promulgating Agency Name:

Current Status of Legislation:

Summary of Legislation/Need: (attach any section-by-section summaries)

Purpose and Intention:

History and Background:

Financial Implication (estimated):

Known Support and/or Opposition:

Recommended Level of CLM Endorsement:

DPP:	ED:	PPC:	Members:
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