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Urgent Request to Keep the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee

Dear Members of the Commission Streamlining Task Force,

On behalf of Children's Council of San Francisco, I am writing to strongly oppose the recommendation to eliminate or consolidate the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee (SDDTAC).

As a recipient of SDDT funding, Children's Council has seen firsthand how essential these investments are for early intervention, chronic disease prevention, and nutrition security - especially in light of recent local and federal cuts. This funding prioritizes prevention in early childhood by supporting our Healthy Apple Program, which helps create healthy child care environments and strengthens child care policies that promote good nutrition and physical activity in communities most impacted by diet-related disease.

San Francisco voters created the SDDTAC to serve as a bridge between underrepresented communities and policymakers, amplifying community voices and ensuring that soda tax revenues are used transparently and equitably to improve public health. **Eliminating or consolidating the committee would undermine voter intent, erode public trust, and weaken San Francisco's leadership in health equity and prevention.**

We urge the Commission Streamlining Task Force to preserve the SDDTAC in full and honor the will of San Francisco voters. Its unique role, broad impact, and community-centered approach are essential to advancing nutrition security, chronic disease prevention, and public health in our city.

Thank you,

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