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# MYLC Notes



## Governor Malloy Signs Domestic Violence Law

*MYLC participates in the bill-signing ceremony*

“There’s no way we’re going to miss this,” said Emily Bajus, a member of the Mayor’s Youth Leadership Council’s (MYLC) Executive Committee.

Emily was responding to the invitation we received from State Representative Gerry Fox to participate in a bill-signing ceremony with Governor Dannel Malloy. And we’re not talking about any bill.

Among the issues that the Mayor’s Youth Leadership Council asked legislators to support during the 2010-2011 session was teens’ access to restraining orders against their abusive teen dating partners.

As they have countless times before, Representative Fox and other members of the General Assembly’s Task Force on Domestic Violence listened.

The long journey of testifying and waiting for legislators to vote on HB 6629 came to a happy end in the governor’s office on Friday, August 5.

In the photo above are MYLC members Emily Bajus (in the black sweater) and Melissa Cardona (in the dress and belt). In the back row are Representative Fox (far left) and Representative Mae Flexer (blue sweater), the Chair of the Domestic Violence Task Force.

We were also joined by Terri Drew, the Director of the Stamford Youth Services Bureau, which sponsors the Mayor’s Youth Leadership Council.

“The governor was really friendly,” said Melissa. “He congratulated us on our hard work and told us to keep things going. And he gave each of us a pen that he used to sign (Public Act 11-152) into law.”

For more information about the law, please contact:

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