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**Testimony in Support of H.B 6093
An Act Concerning Consideration of Immigration Status by Health Carriers
Submitted by, Michele Mudrick, Legislative Advocate
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Dear Members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee,

I am Michele Mudrick, Legislative Advocate for the Connecticut Conference, United Church of Christ and I am writing today in support of H. B. 6093: An Act Concerning Consideration of Immigration Status by Health Carriers to prohibit certain health carriers from refusing to deliver, issue for delivery, renew, amend or continue certain health insurance policies in this state solely on the basis of the immigration status of an insured or prospective insured.

I am writing on behalf of the 233 congregations and more than 67,000 people in our state's churches. In fact, the United Church of Christ (UCC) is the largest Protestant denomination in Connecticut. Nationally, the UCC has more than 5,700 congregations with nearly 1 million members. In 2007 the assembled delegates and ministers of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ met and voted on a Resolution Seeking Support for Universal Health Care/Universal Health Care Coverage in Connecticut.

We support programs so there is opportunity for health insurance coverage for all Connecticut residents, regardless of immigration status. We support everyone in Connecticut having access to quality, effective and affordable healthcare.

Health Care is a basic human right. Health care should be provided when needed. All of God's people deserve access to affordable and quality healthcare. We therefore, urge the Committee to support H.B. 6093: An Act Concerning Equalizing Access to Health Insurance regardless of immigration status. Health Insurance carriers should not be able to deny health insurance policies to anyone in Connecticut based on their immigration status.

Thank you for your work and the opportunity to supply written testimony in support of H.B. 6093.

Blessings,
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