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**Testimony in Support of S.B. 752  
An Act Concerning Housing Segregation  
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Senator Hwang, Senator Slossberg, and Representative Butler, and distinguished members of the Housing Committee,

I am Michele Mudrick, Legislative Advocate for the Connecticut Conference, United Church of Christ and I am writing today in support of S.B. 752, An Act Concerning Housing Segregation.

I am writing on behalf of the 237 congregations and more than 67,500 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 1984 the assembled delegates and ministers of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ met and voted on a Resolution Seeking Support for the development of Low-Income Housing.

Connecticut is one of the most racially and economically segregated states in our country, with pockets of great poverty next to neighborhoods of great abundance. Ending housing segregation creates fairness, opportunity and a vibrant economy. We need to invest in revitalizing struggling communities and we need to work to generate the housing choices in thriving communities that have been denied to many low income families of color for decades.<sup>1</sup>

All of God's children deserve opportunities to live, work and raise their children where they find great schools and good jobs. We need to use existing state and federal housing dollars and tools in a balanced way in cities and suburbs across Connecticut. We support making modest and reasonable investments to ensure that every city and town in Connecticut is an open community that offers its fair share of affordable housing.<sup>2</sup>

Thank you for your work and the opportunity to supply written testimony in support of S.B. 752

Blessings,  
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<sup>1</sup> Open Communities Alliance

<sup>2</sup> Open Communities Alliance



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