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**Testimony in Support of H.B 6175  
An Act Concerning a Strategic Plan to Ensure Continued Access to Affordable  
and Comprehensive Health Care Coverage  
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Senator Larson, Senator Kelly, Representative Scanlon, and distinguished members of the Committee on Insurance and Real Estate,

I am Michele Mudrick, Legislative Advocate for the Connecticut Conference, United Church of Christ and I am writing today in support of H. B. 6175, An Act Concerning a Strategic Plan to Ensure Continued Access to Affordable and Comprehensive Health Care Coverage. We support ensuring continued access to affordable and comprehensive health care coverage by Connecticut residents following the passage of federal legislation to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

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 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.

Repealing the Affordable Care Act without a replacement means as many as 30 million Americans can lose health insurance. We support programs so there is continuity of health insurance coverage for all Connecticut residents. We support everyone in Connecticut having access to quality, affordable healthcare with no interruptions in coverage. All Connecticut residents deserve preventive care, coverage for preexisting conditions, access to mental health, family planning and reproductive health care services.

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. 6175 an Act Concerning a Strategic Plan to Ensure Continued Access to Affordable and Comprehensive Health Care Coverage.

Thank you for your work and the opportunity to supply written testimony in support of H.B. 6175.

Blessings,  
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