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THE DISCLOSURE OF HOUSING DISCRIMINATION AND FAIR HOUSING LAWS

Testimony of Bob De Cosmo, President of the CT Property Owners Alliance, LLC.

In support of S.B. 152

Honorable members of the Housing Committee, I appreciate this opportunity to supply testimony to create a Fair Housing Disclosure for purchasers of multiple family dwellings.

The Connecticut Property Owners Alliance represents approximately 16,000 rental units and we have heard many concerns that the Fair Housing Laws are not well known, not well publicized and far exceed the scope of the Federal Fair Housing Law. Also, they often differ from common perception; ie...opposite sex children must have separate bedrooms after the age of two.

We fully support that the principles of Equal Opportunity and Fair Housing and thus support SB 152 making available to the purchasers of multiple family dwellings a disclosure in plain language about the Connecticut Fair Housing Law.

Sincerely,

Bob DeCosmo