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Testimony In Support of Proposed Bill No. 108:
An Act Establishing The Open Choice Vouchers Pilot Program

Senator Anwar, Representative McGee and distinguished members of the Housing Committee, thank you for your work and for giving consideration to proposed Bill No. 108, An Act Establishing The Open Choice Vouchers Pilot Program.

I support this bill and I support the open choice program. I believe that having this program helps our state to follow the courts determination in Sheff Vs. O'Neill that our schools should be desegregated. We as a state have some of the most segregated school systems in the country. Having this pilot program will help us to move forward in our goals. We have done so in the Hartford area but have not been able to address it in the rest of the state.

Thank you for your consideration and hard work on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Representative Susan Johnson – 49th Assembly District