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Housing Committee

Testimony

In Support in Part of

HB No. 6529: AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING AUTHORITIES AND ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF THE HOUSING ADVOCATE.

Written Testimony submitted by Joseph D'Ascoli, President of on behalf of the membership of Conn-NAHRO

Conn-NAHRO is the Connecticut chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials; its membership is comprised of Public Housing Authorities and other individuals and organizations involved in affordable housing.

Chairmen Representative McGee and Senator Lopes, Ranking Members Senator Cicarella and Representative Polletta, and the esteemed members of the Housing Committee,

My name is Joseph D'Ascoli and I am the President of Conn-NAHRO and the Executive Director of the Manchester Housing Authority.

Thank you for giving our members the opportunity to comment in **support in part of** of HB No. 6529: **AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING AUTHORITIES AND ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF THE HOUSING ADVOCATE.**

Conn-NAHRO is supportive of the educational and training provisions of this bill for the following reason:

A major component of Conn-NAHRO's mission is to provide education and training opportunities to public housing professionals because we know that such trainings produce positive housing outcomes for all parties to a public housing lease agreement. Conn-NAHRO believes that this bill is intended to do exactly that and therefore we support this bill and would love to be part of the solution.

Additionally, Conn-NAHRO already has training modules specifically tailored to Public Housing Management that were developed in collaboration with the HAI Group, Nan McKay & Associates, a national consultancy, and the Connecticut Department of Housing that can be readily adapted and made available for educational purposes to any and all public housing commissioners and professionals, policymakers, and interested persons. We are prepared to work with the Housing Committee and Department of Housing to further develop training and educational curriculum to better serve our residents.

We invite an open dialogue with any and all parties to discuss how we can move this bill forward.

Thank you for taking the time to read this testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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