

Dear Co-Chair Osten, Co-Chair Walker, Vice-Chair Hartley, Vice-Chair Dathan, Vice-Chair Nolan, Ranking Member Miner, Ranking Member France, and Members of the Appropriations Committee of Connecticut General Assembly,

I am writing to communicate my strong support for HB 6662 - AN ACT DECLARING RACISM AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND ESTABLISHING THE COMMITTEE ON RACIAL EQUITY IN PUBLIC HEALTH.

The city of New Haven has recently declared racism as a public health issue, and I strongly support our state recognizing that racism has tangible, negative health consequences that have only been exacerbated by the novel coronavirus outbreak. We must take action now to begin to address the public health impacts of racism on our black and brown communities.

I hope that you will vote this out of committee, as addressing the longstanding and widespread impacts of racism, including public health, is long overdue.

Thank you,
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