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Testimony in **Support** of House Bill 6662:

*An Act Declaring Racism as a Public Health Crisis and Establishing the
Commission on Racial Equity in Public Health*

Submitted by David Liscinsky, a constituent in Glastonbury on March 24, 2021

Senator Osten, Representative Walker, and distinguished members of the Appropriations Committee:

H.B. Bill 6662 matters to me because systemic inequity is wrong, and this Bill can begin to do what is right. Everyone deserves the opportunity to be all they can be. That requires that everyone has access to quality housing, food, education, healthcare to name a few of the basics. Systemic and structural racism works to prevent people from access to the basics and therefore creates an unhealthy environment which results in a poor quality of life, not to mention a shorter one. This Bill addresses inequity by declaring racism a public health crisis and it is the right thing to do. Not everyone was born on 3rd base.

H.B. Bill 6662 is an opportunity for our State to lead the pursuit for racial justice with action.

I urge you to support H.B. No. 6662: An Act Declaring Racism as a Public Health Crisis and Establishing the Commission on Racial Equity in Public Health.

Thank you for your work and for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of House Bill 6662.

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