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Let's End Housing Segregation in Connecticut

Connecticut is one of the most racially, ethnically, and economically segregated states in the country, with pockets of great poverty next to neighborhoods of great abundance. This division is extraordinarily expensive - it has human costs and hurts our economy. We can change it and build healthier, thriving communities while giving all children access to great schools for less money than we are currently spending for a system that yields grossly unequal results. We can create greater housing choices for low-income families and transform struggling communities into vital regional centers.

**Ending housing segregation =
fairness, opportunity, and a vibrant economy.**

Can we really end housing segregation? Yes, we can.

- Use existing state and federal housing dollars and tools in a balanced way in cities and suburbs across the state;
- Make modest and reasonable investments to ensure that every city and town is an open community that offers its fair share of affordable housing.

All families should have opportunities to live, work and raise their children where they can find great schools, good jobs and the best future.

Here is how to create economically vibrant open communities in 5 steps:

- (1) **Plan for desegregation and greater housing choice.** Improve the state's major tool for planning, the Plan of Conservation and Development, to include recommended guidelines for all regions to welcome a reasonable apportionment of the need for affordable housing. Without such changes the state will likely be out of compliance with its federal duty to affirmatively further fair housing.
- (2) **Balance where government-subsidized housing is located.** All communities need housing that is affordable, at levels sustainable for municipal vitality. We need state targets that promote balance and reporting to ensure full access.

