

PROVIDENCE BOARD OF REALTORS

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Dear Representative:

The Providence Board of Realtors is unalterably opposed to the enactment of any so-called "Fair Housing" Legislation which will compel the citizens of the state of Rhode Island to sell or to rent their property to a person or persons not of their own free choice.

We believe, that all persons regardless of race, color, creed or national origin should have the right to housing of their own choice and in accord with their economic means.

We do not believe that the enactment of legislation to accomplish this end is in the best interest of the citizens of Rhode Island.

Much progress has been made over the years. This progress has been marked by a clearer and more sympathetic understanding of the needs of the minority groups with regard to housing.

We are convinced that the only equitable and effective vehicle toward eventual integration in housing is a continuance of this progress through a closer working relationship with the minority on the part of all of the majority.

 $\label{eq:were spectfully urge you to vote to defeat Senate Bill, (S-24).} We respectfully urge you to vote to defeat Senate$

Sincerely yours,

Franklin A. Hurd,

President

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Enclosure