

Honorable William H. Bates, Congressman
House of Representatives.
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to urge your support for the 1966 Civil Rights Bill and oppose any weakening amendments particularly any attempts to take out the provision establishing a Fair Housing Board to enforce the prohibition against housing discrimination.

Also to urge them to support efforts to strengthen the bill in line with the points made in the consensus of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

For your information this LCCR is the National organization of 100 civic, religious and civil rights groups United Church Women belong under Title IV they are concerned that the broad coverage of the Housing Title be retained including the provision regarding the brokers not being permitted to accept discriminatory listings.

Thanking you, Sincerely,
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1st Vice President
Haverhill Council of Church Women
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Dear Mrs. Dufault:

I appreciate your letter expressing the views of the Haverhill Council of Church Women and urging my support of civil rights legislation.

As you know, Title IV was considered to be the primary controversial section of this bill and it has now been amended. I intend to support this section which is somewhat akin to our Massachusetts law.

There are, as you probably know, some ambiguities in the bill which were discovered after it was reported by the Committee and I believe that these matters should be clarified.

Thanking you for writing to me on this important matter, and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

William H. Bates