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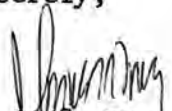
Dear Mr. Perille:

Just let me state that we thought very highly of your excellent statement before the Illinois Senate Committee on April 11.

Senator Partee permitted the writer to wind up the 2½ hours of testimony, in what amounted to being a summary, with the enclosed statement, on behalf of both FOR and the state Housing Committee of NAACP.

Thank you for your excellent contribution to the cause of freedom of residence.

Sincerely,


Donald S. Frey
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FREEDOM OF RESIDENCE

Dear Fellow-Citizen:

Freedom of residence is a right democracy guarantees us all. Many communities throughout the State of Illinois may soon confront the challenge of making this right a reality.

Some have already begun to do so. The change from segregated to integrated patterns of community living can occur in peaceful, planned, and well ordered ways. Whether or not it does depends on the efforts of people like you.

We invite you to join with other civic, religious, educational, business, and labor leaders to develop a state-wide organization dedicated to achieving freedom of residence through a constructive program of education and action.

The new organization

SHALL: BE AN ORGANIZATION OF INDIVIDUALS.

SHALL: HAVE A STATE-WIDE BOARD OF DIRECTORS composed of concerned citizens including business men, educators, clergymen, lawyers, legislators, labor leaders, real estate specialists, bankers and builders.

SHALL: HAVE REGIONAL OR LOCAL CHAPTERS, each having its own board, which will develop and implement programs consistent with the policies and programs established by the State organization.

Objectives of proposed organization

This group will be organized to enable concerned citizens to work effectively for freedom of residence in Illinois. Its goal will be the securing of the rights of all persons to rent or purchase places of residence, according to their tastes, needs and economic abilities and without discrimination for reasons of race, religion or national origin.

How we hope to do it

- By encouraging and assisting citizens working to establish equal housing opportunities in their own local communities.
By conducting a broad educational program stressing the moral, economic and social costs of housing discrimination.
By supporting public officials who exercise their constitutional duty to protect the rights of all persons to freedom of residence.
By cooperating with existing agencies and organizations which include in their programs the protection and the extension of the right of freedom of residence.
By initiating and joining in efforts to secure the enactment of effective legislation guaranteeing freedom of residence for all in the State of Illinois.