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Statement on Discrimination (January 6, 1959)

Rhode Island Rabbinical Association
Mr. George S. Lima  
c/o Catholic Interracial Council  
135 Cranston Street  
Providence 7, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Lima:

Enclosed herewith is a statement which you may use as you see fit.

With every good wish.

Sincerely,

(signed) Nathan N. Rosen  
Rabbi Nathan N. Rosen, President  
R.I. Rabbinical Association

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The practice of discrimination in housing violates the spirit of our Constitution and our founding fathers. Moreover, it violates the fundamental moral and religious principle that under the fatherhood of God all men are brothers. It is our conviction that because every American is entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, he should enjoy the freedom to choose the place of residence that he feels will afford him the greatest measure of happiness.

The Rabbinical Association of Rhode Island therefore endorses the Fair Housing Practices Act and strongly urges its passage by the Rhode Island Legislature.