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**Connecticut State Legislature  
Planning & Development Committee - Public Hearing  
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Hartford, Connecticut  
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**HB-5713 An Act Concerning Special Districts**

To: Honorable Senator Eric Colman  
Honorable Representative Art Feltman

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The Connecticut Partnership for Balanced Growth (CPBG) believes that Connecticut needs an aggressive growth policy to ensure our economic competitiveness and to maintain our high quality of life. HB-5713 creates an additional tool to encourage growth and development.

The language proposed to be added to 7-325 would allow the owner of undeveloped or unoccupied property to apply to the local legislative body to create a special tax district.

Connecticut and its cities and towns would be at a competitive advantage because the change would allow an attractive way to obtain private investment in undeveloped property that a municipality wants developed. It will stimulate needed new housing and other economic development by allowing property owners to finance the cost of roads, utilities and other improvements using tax exempt bonds.

CPBG strongly supports and recommends that this Committee JF this bill and further support its passage in the House and Senate.

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