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Hon. Catherine Osten and Jason Jojas, Co-Chairmen, Planning and Development Committee
Hon. Leonard Fasano and William Aman, Ranking Members, Planning and Development Committee
Room 2100, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Technical changes to HB 5584

Dear Senator Osten, Representative Rojas, Senator Fasano, and Representative Aman:

In your deliberations on proposed HB 5584 entitled "An Act Concerning Regionalism and Making Technical Changes to Statutes Concerning Municipal Tax Collection", please consider making the following technical changes in Section 1 (a) (5) of the proposed bill as it relates to the Northwest Hills Council of Governments:

- 1) Replace the reference to "Northwestern Connecticut" with "Northwest Hills" since that is the name of the new Northwest Hills Council of Governments.
- 2) Add "Burlington" to the list of towns comprising the Northwest Hills COG since Burlington is now included in the Northwest Hills Planning Region and the town is in the process of officially joining the Northwest Hills COG.
- 3) Remove the reference to "Winsted" as "Winchester" covers this geographic area.

The Northwest Hills COG has not taken an official position with regard to HB 5584, but the changes suggested above will result in improved wording for the proposed bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

cc: NHCOCG Legislative Committee, Marshall Collins, JoAnn Ryan, COST