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Conn-NAHRO is the Connecticut chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials; its membership is comprised of Public Housing Authorities and other individuals and organizations involved in affordable housing.

Co-Chairpersons Senator Flexer and Representative Serra and members of the Aging Committee

My name is John Rumberger; I am the Vice President of Housing and Legislation for Conn-NAHRO and also the Facilities Manager of the Middletown Housing Authority. As many of you are aware, Connecticut's Housing Authorities are confronted with continued issues of sustainability.

I am writing to comment on H.B. 6684

Proposed H.B. No. 6684 AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF EMERGENCY POWER NEEDS IN PUBLIC HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY --- We support the proposed study and urge that funding be made available to conduct this study on behalf of our Elderly and Non Elderly Disabled residents. Our concern over the potential mandated installation of generators is due to the financial constraints already placed on the Elderly/Non Elderly Disabled Portfolio. There is little or no money available to install and maintain this equipment unless funding is allocated. In addition, there are clarifications needed regarding whether the generators are intended for community rooms or each resident's apartment. The financial and construction implications are onerous to this fragile housing portfolio.

In conclusion I would like to reiterate that CONN-NAHRO appreciates the many efforts of the Legislature to support our industry. We urge you to fund this bill if enacted.

Thank you for taking the time to read this testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

John Rumberger