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HOUSING COMMITTEE

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 96% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

“The Affordable Housing Land Use Appeals Act”

The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities appreciates the opportunity to discuss the Affordable Housing Land Use Appeals Act (CGS Section 8-30g) and other affordable housing-related issues.

In 2000, the General Assembly passed legislation (Public Act 00-206), recommend by the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Affordable Housing, that made several technical and substantial changes to the Act. Public Act 00-206 made helpful changes; however, additional reform is needed.

CCM urges the Committee to add more reason and clarity to the state's affordable housing laws and regulations by:

- a) Examining CGS Section 8-30g to determine what reforms are needed to make the law conform to the realities of the state, including the formula and apparatus used to determine which housing units that are counted as “affordable”, including in-law apartments, etc.;
- b) Increasing state financial assistance toward construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing; and
- c) Strengthening innovative affordable housing initiatives like incentive housing zones that provide incentives to establish local smart growth zoning districts, to aid municipalities in directing affordable housing to areas with existing infrastructure.

Thank you.



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