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Planning and Development Committee
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Support for Proposed Bill 678: *An Act Concerning Municipal Flood Zone Maps*

Dear Senators and Representatives,

My name is Frank C. DeFelice, and I currently serve as a Planning & Zoning Commissioner and Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commissioner in the Town of Durham, Connecticut; and as Chairman of the Regional Planning Commission of the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG).

I urge you to **support** Proposed Bill 678 entitled: *An Act Concerning Municipal Flood Zone Maps*. This bill would codify that local flood zone maps, prepared by a Town Engineer, will be the final and official maps used for banking or insurance transactions. This makes sense, because local town engineers nearly always have a better understanding of the characteristics associated with local waterways, bodies of the water, water tables and soil drainage then can be gauged from simple FEMA flood maps. I urge you to **support** this bill.

Respectfully,

Frank C. DeFelice