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S.B. No. 888 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ADEQUATE AND SAFE HOUSING FOR THE  
ELDERLY AND YOUNGER PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. (HSG)

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My name is Cathy Branch Stebbins and I am the executive director for CONN-NAHRO, the Connecticut Chapter of the National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials, the membership association for Connecticut's public housing authorities.

Our membership understands and supports the good intentions of this proposed bill, however, the bill does not provide funding for the complex and time- and staff-consuming study that it proposes to undertake. Without the funding in place, we are concerned that nothing will happen and this issue will continue to go unaddressed.

Members of the Housing Committee, you have already heard our testimony regarding the dysfunctional economic model that is unique to this state-sponsored elderly/disabled housing in Connecticut. As housing practitioners, we have tried to alert you, for many years, to the crisis that is forthcoming for this portfolio if action is not taken. We already know that there are lifestyle and economic issues and that a balance of both populations and of incomes is what is needed to address this complex situation. You, as a legislative body, have already ordered several reports and legislative studies regarding this issue over the years.

We come to you asking for your leadership and action. It is not clear to CONN-NAHRO members that even if funding were provided for this study, that it would address the issues we are confronted with.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration about whether or not this bill is the right next step.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Branch Stebbins