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**Connecticut Chapter of the  
American Planning Association**

**Testimony regarding S.B. No. 88  
AN ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY HEALTH CARE STRUCTURES**

The Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association (CCAPA) opposes S.B. 88 as written but supports efforts to facilitate the introduction of temporary health structures to Connecticut communities as one solution to the growing need for handicapped-accessible housing. Nearly 85% of housing in Connecticut was built prior to 1990, with older homes far less likely to incorporate accessible features such as first floor bedrooms, wheelchair-friendly doors and thresholds, and step-less entries. Because of their temporary nature and off-site construction, these so-called “granny pods” may be a lower-cost housing option than building accessory units, retrofitting existing housing, or building new housing.

CCAPA requests that the Office of Policy and Management work with the Department of Aging to develop a program to facilitate the installation of temporary health structures in Connecticut municipalities. Such a program might include:

- the development of a model zoning code for adoption by Connecticut municipalities
- municipal planning grants to support the development and adoption of supportive local zoning regulations.

Temporary health care structures can be a part of the solution for to fill what will be a growing need for handicapped accessible housing for elderly residents, located close to their family support system and health and social services. The Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association would like to offer its assistance to legislators and state agency staff as this issue is pursued further.

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## **WHO WE ARE**

The Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association (CCAPA) has over 420 members who are governmental and consulting planners, land use attorneys, citizen planners, and other professionals engaged in planning and managing land use, economic development, housing, transportation, and conservation for local, regional, and State governments, private businesses and other entities. CCAPA has long been committed to assisting the legislature and State agencies with developing and furthering responsible growth management principles. The American Planning Association is an independent, not-for-profit, national educational organization that provides leadership in the development of vital communities.

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