



Making Great Communities Happen

Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association

**Testimony regarding S.B. No. 90 (RAISED)
AN ACT CONCERNING RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT**

The proposed bill calls for the Office of Policy and Management to conduct a study to evaluate conservation and development in Connecticut. CCAPA supports OPM's continuing involvement in supporting Responsible Development, through continual improvements to the State's Plan of Conservation and Development and programs to support proactive municipal and regional planning, including recent transit-oriented development and affordable housing planning grants and state grants-in-aid to Regional Councils of Government. CCAPA requests that the Planning & Development Committee recognize the importance of these activities and that of a Statewide commitment to planning, especially as our towns and cities adjust to demographic shifts that increase the demand for walkable community centers with housing that meets the needs of older residents as well as young millennials.

We look forward to monitoring this bill as its contents are more fully developed and are happy to provide comments to any revised text. Please let us know if we can be of assistance.

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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