



Connecticut Manufactured Housing Association

Statement of the Connecticut Manufactured Housing Association Concerning:

H.B. 5548 (raised) - An act repealing restrictions on the transport of mobile and modular homes.

The Connecticut Manufactured Housing Association (CMHA) is in favor of repealing restrictions on the transport of mobile and modular homes into and through the State of Connecticut. The Association supports the Public Safety and Security Committee's efforts to reduce delays and facilitate the transport of homes.

Mobile Manufactured Homes – as defined in CGS Section 21-64 – have been safely transported over Connecticut highways for many years. However, over the past few years, there have been several factors- lengthy detours caused by road construction, mandatory police escorts, and disagreements over load dimensions – that have added time and cost to the shipping costs of homes in Connecticut.

Mobile manufactured homes satisfy the need for high-quality, affordable housing in the State. They offer a viable housing alternative for residents with limited financial resources. As such, it is imperative that there are no unnecessary costs, including avoidable transportation fees, added to the price of the home.

CMHA understands that your efforts to streamline the law “*to subject vehicles that transport mobile homes, modular homes, house trailers or sectional houses to the same restrictions as other vehicles that are oversize or overweight*” is a work in progress. The Association would appreciate the opportunity to be part of the discussions as the bill progresses. We would be glad to share our experiences and answer any questions your Committee may have about transporting mobile manufactured homes in Connecticut and aligning and other states in the region.

Thank you for your consideration.

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