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# Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association

**Testimony Regarding Governor's S.B. No. 19  
"An Act Establishing the Transit Corridor  
Development Assistance Authority"**

CCAPA supports SB-19 and the Governor's continued focus on expanding the range of tools and support available for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) initiatives on Connecticut. We note the numerous revisions from last year's proposed Transit Corridor legislation that address concerns expressed by CCAPA and others, including the removal of eminent domain authority and preservation of municipal regulatory rights. The proposed version of the TCDA presented this session is a thoughtfully-constructed tool that municipalities may voluntarily request and employ to provide additional expertise, resources, and oversight to the development and redevelopment of transit-station areas.

CCAPA appreciates that the Memorandum of Agreement process required by the bill provides an opportunity for both the Transit Corridor Development Assistance Authority and the host municipality to document short-term and long-range plans for the development district as well as to define partner responsibilities. We ask that the voluntary nature of these partnerships be respected and that participation in TCDA projects not become a prerequisite for other types of state funding or assistance.

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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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