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Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association

Testimony regarding Proposed H.B. 6920:

AN ACT CONCERNING THE FURTHERANCE OF REGIONALISM

CCAPA supports the legislature's continued efforts to promote regional cooperation. We do have a specific concern about H.B. 6920's proposal to require cooperative economic development commissions to have at least one member municipality with more than 75,000 residents. Many parts of the state lack a single large municipality with 75,000 residents or more, which would mean that these towns would not be able to work together as regional economic development commissions. For example, the Norwich-New London Metro Area contains major employers like Electric Boat, Foxwoods, and Mohegan Sun, but its largest municipalities, Norwich and Groton, have only 40,000 residents each. Municipalities should be encouraged to work together regardless of their size.

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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