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**Housing Committee  
Public Hearing  
Testimony  
03/05/2019**

To: Chairmen McGee, Bradley, Ranking Members Dauphinais, Hwang and distinguished Members of the Housing Committee

From: Jim Perras, CEO

Re: **Raised House Bill 7227: An Act Concerning Aging in Place**

The Home Builders and Remodelers Association of Connecticut (HBRA-CT) is a professional trade association with over eight hundred business members statewide, employing tens of thousands of Connecticut residents. Our association of small businesses is comprised of residential and commercial builders, land developers, remodelers, general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and those businesses and professionals that provide services to our diverse industry. We build between 70% to 80% of all new homes and apartments in Connecticut each year and engage in countless home remodeling projects.

Thank you, for the opportunity to provide **testimony in response to HB 7227**. If enacted, HB 7227 would direct DOH to conduct a study of methods to afford seniors the ability to remain in their homes as long as possible.

HBRA-CT would suggest that this legislation specifically direct DOH in Collaboration with DRS to explore methods in which the state can provide financial incentives for seniors who own their homes to offset the costs of necessary renovations to their homes with the purpose of aging in place. We specifically encourage DOH to review the good work of other states that have successful grant programs like Massachusetts or Colorado which offers tax credits for qualified seniors who retrofit their homes with the goal of aging in place.

In addition to enhancing the lives of seniors and saving elderly homeowners money, offering the right incentives to seniors who retrofit their homes in order to age in place may also create systemic cost savings for Medicare and Medicaid programs, ultimately, to the benefit of Connecticut tax payers.

Thank you, for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 7227.