



Creating Great Communities For All
**Connecticut Chapter of the
American Planning Association**

Testimony regarding

**Proposed Bill No. 5271– AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF OUTDOOR FOOD
AND BEVERAGE SERVICES AND OUTDOOR DISPLAY OF GOODS**

CCAPA supports this proposed bill that simply **extends the timeline for Special Act 21-3** for the temporary provisions concerning the permitting of outdoor food and beverage services and outdoor displays of goods from the end of March 2022 until April 30, 2023 that reflect the Governor’s emergency orders during the COVID pandemic. The proposed bill also delays the application of certain permanent provisions concerning the permitting of outdoor food and beverage services until May 1, 2023.

The increased outdoor dining areas during the past two years have been widely embraced by both planners and the general public, and is a best planning practice that enlivens our community’s commercial corridors and supports our local small businesses. CCAPA hopes that the additional time granted by this extension provides local communities with the adequate time to evaluate and revise their own local zoning regulations to adopt the expansion of permanent outdoor dining provisions.

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 APA is an independent, not-for-profit, national educational organization that provides leadership in the development of vital communities.

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