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**Connecticut Chapter of the
American Planning Association**

**Testimony regarding
Proposed Bill No. 1068– AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAXES AND AFFORDABLE
HOUSING**

CCAPA agrees that additional funding needs to be made available to support the creation of affordable housing in the state. The proposed bill provides an interesting source to fund additional affordable housing based on a sliding scale that requires a higher assessment for towns that have a lower percentage of affordable housing per the 8-30g statute. It should be noted that the bill caps out the tax rate increase of 2 mils for towns with 0-2% affordable housing and the mill rate prescribed decreases as the town's affordable housing percentage increases. However, the bill does not specify or create the necessary nexus that these funds are required to go into an affordable housing fund or any other designated mechanism that would later provide additional affordable housing. Therefore, the future benefits of this additional tax to legitimately further affordable housing goals is unclear. Due to these concerns, **CCAPA does not support this bill as written.**

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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