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**Connecticut Chapter of the  
American Planning Association**

**Testimony regarding  
Raised Bill No. 922 – AN ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY HEALTH CARE  
STRUCTURES**

CCAPA opposes this bill as written. While we are strongly in favor of providing Connecticut's residents with additional tools and options to take care of relatives as they recover from injury or illness, as well as improving the regulatory environment for these structures, the Raised Bill is taking the wrong approach. For the last several months, CCAPA had been working closely with Senator Osten and the Task Force to Study the Zoning of Temporary Health Care Structures, and this Task Force agreed upon very deliberate, thoughtful recommendations that were based on best-practices from numerous other States and developed into a proposed Bill. The proposed Bill did not include a municipal opt-out provision, but overall reflected a stronger and more comprehensive approach to this issue than the Raised Bill.

The Task Force's approach provided specific guidance and procedures to municipalities that worked through the standard Zoning review processes to streamline the review and permitting of these structures, and contemplated an opt-out provision that would ensure that communities wishing to forego these procedures would be forced to have a public conversation about the topic. The Raised Bill creates a circumstance that would allow the Town Council or Board of Selectmen to bypass the traditional Zoning processes of Section 8-2 of the Statutes, establishing an undesirable carve-out of authority over land use regulations. CCAPA strongly urges the Committee to revisit the recommendations of the Task Force to Study the Zoning of Temporary Health Care Structures on this matter, and particularly to provide for a municipal opt-out provision and process.

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

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