

Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



March 4, 2024

Esteemed Chairs Felipe and Moore,
Members of the Housing Committee:

The Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG) appreciates the opportunity to comment on Raised Bill 5337, *An Act Concerning Affordable Housing Development Practices*.

WestCOG **supports** Section 3 of this bill.

This section would provide municipalities with another option to support the renovation or rehabilitation of affordable housing, including the renewal of deed restrictions that are set to expire – an issue that is rising in salience as growing numbers of units approach 30 and 40 years in age. The section would specifically allow revenues from tax increment districts to cover these costs, ensuring that as new development occurs, existing affordability is maintained.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Francis R. Pickering".

Francis R. Pickering
Executive Director