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Speaker Matt Ritter Legislative Office Building, LOB Room 4106 Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Senator Looney and Speaker Ritter:

Pursuant to PA 21-29 Section 13(f)(2), on behalf of the Commission on Connecticut's Development and Future, we are writing to provide you an update on the Commission's progress and to request an extension of time to provide an interim report on the Commission's findings.

The Commission has started its work and charted a path forward. As you know, we have a 36-member commission that is a combination of legislators, executive branch agency staff and Gubernatorial and legislative leadership appointments. As of today, 35 of the 36 members have been appointed. The Commission held its first meeting on December 7th and established our organizational structure, reviewed the goals of the Commission as defined in the legislation, and set a meeting schedule for 2022. Additionally, we created five working groups: State and Municipal Statutory Plan Process; Model Code and Design Development; State Consolidated Housing Plan; Municipal Affordable Housing Plans; Sewerage. We have begun soliciting participation for these groups and expect them to start meeting in January.

The Commission voted to empower the Co-Chairs to request an extension of time for the interim report to July 1, 2022. Given the significant work ahead for this Commission, we believe that this extension of time will allow us to provide the full legislature a more comprehensive review of the land use, conservation, housing affordability, and infrastructure issues before us.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Secretary Melissa McCaw, Co-Chair

eader Jason Rojas, Co-Chair