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**SENATE BILL 2349**

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Thank you, Chairman Bettencourt, for the opportunity to present information related to Senate Bill 2349 and for your work on behalf of the Great State of Texas. My name is **Craig Farmer**, and I am here to testify on behalf of the American Planning Association - Texas Chapter (APA Texas) in **opposition to Senate Bill 2349 as written**. APA Texas is an association of over 2,500 private and public sector planners that manage growth and plan for development in Texas.

Although this bill does quite a bit to clean up regulations pertaining to Municipal Annexation Districts (MUDs), we are concerned about a few of the changes that have been made. Specifically, the reduction in time limits do not realistically accommodate the steps involved in the decision-making process. The modification from 90 to 30 for inside and 120 to 60 outside is a drastic change. MUDs are complicated, and they do require time for adequate review of capacity and costs in order to ensure that the services represented can truly be provided (or not provided). Although the process has been cleaned up considerably, we would request that the time limits be kept at 90 days inside of a city and 120 days outside of a city.

APA Texas works closely with the people who are designing, regulating and developing projects all over our state. Land use and development are our core areas of expertise. I thank you for your time and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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