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SENATE BILL 560

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Thank you, Chairman Bettencourt, for the opportunity to present information related to Senate Bill 560 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 560 as written**. APA Texas is an association of over 2,500 public and private sector planners working not only with cities and counties but also with the development community to manage growth and plan for development in Texas.

APATX opposes this bill as it has the potential to place undue pressure on municipalities that already manage large influxes of building permit submittals. Additionally, this bill would revoke the right of applicants to waive or request extensions to the time limit requirement. While APATX agrees that efforts should be pursued in order to expedite development and building reviews, we do not think it should be at the cost of responsible review necessary to guarantee safe and well-built structures that Texans will be living in, working in and visiting. APATX would be happy to assist with any amendments to this bill or to future legislation that seeks to mitigate building permit review times. I thank you for your time and would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Respectfully submitted,

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