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HOUSE BILL 2750

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Thank you, Chairman Burns, for the opportunity to present information related to House Bill 2750 and for your work on behalf of the Great State of Texas. My name is **Carissa Cox**, and I am here to testify on behalf of the American Planning Association - Texas Chapter (APA Texas) in **support of House Bill 2750**. APA Texas is an association of over 2,500 private and public sector planners that manage growth and plan for development in Texas.

We appreciate Representative Romero conferring with representatives of APA Texas during the drafting of this bill to ensure that the notice requirements will be reasonable for cities of all sizes throughout Texas, and that location of notices could be placed in the right of way if multiple properties in an area were proposed for a rezoning. Cities have a responsibility to ensure that the community is aware of proposed zoning changes, yet they need the ability to set standards and procedures in keeping with their own staffing capacity and community expectations. We find this bill to be both helpful and reasonable, as it resolves both of these issues.

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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