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Assembly Committee on Urban and Local Affairs
Public Hearing, December 17, 2013
Assembly Bill 512 Testimony
Representative David Craig, 83rd Assembly District

Chairman Brooks and Members of the Committee:

Assembly Bill 512 has been drafted at the request of several towns located in Waukesha County to address the relationship between their towns' ability to have some control over zoning, while ensuring that the county's comprehensive zoning plans remain in place.

This legislation allows for Waukesha County officials to have general oversight of zoning changes at the town level, while allowing the towns currently under county zoning to have day-to-day control over their respective zoning ordinances. This approach has been agreed upon by officials from both Waukesha County and the towns impacted, and does not have an effect outside of Waukesha County.

Town officials from the impacted areas of Waukesha County will be following my testimony to explain in more detail the need for this legislation; however, I would be happy to answer any questions you may have for me on this bill.

Thank you for your time.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Members of the Assembly Committee on Urban and Local Affairs

FROM: Daniel Bahr, Government Affairs Associate *D.B.*

DATE: December 17, 2013

SUBJECT: Assembly Bill 512

Thank you for the opportunity to address Assembly Bill (AB) 512 relating to expanding the requirement of county board approval of a town amendment of its zoning ordinances. I am testifying before the committee today for informational purposes and to offer suggestions on the legislation.

Recently WCA staff, in partnership with membership professionals, reviewed AB 512. It is possible that the bill in its current form could have unintended consequences as it relates to county board approval of town zoning on a statewide basis, despite the fact that the bill is intended to address a local issue. The bill authors have drafted LRBa1332/1 in order to mitigate such concerns. We respectfully request that the Committee on Urban and Local Affairs adopt this amendment.

WCA strongly supports efforts by county and town officials to work in partnership to mitigate differences. AB 512 was drafted with the intent to do so and we applaud such efforts.

Thank you for considering our comments. Please feel free to contact WCA for further information.