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**Re: Proposed TIF Legislation  
Senate Bills 1140 and 2298**

Dear Tom,

I'm writing on behalf of the Legislative Committee for the American Planning Association's Illinois Chapter ("**IL-APA**") to express IL-APA's support for the Illinois Tax Increment Association's ("**ITIA**") opposition to Senate Bills 1140 and 2298. These bills embrace a fundamental misunderstanding of tax increment financing ("**TIF**") and the benefits TIF provides to communities across the state on a daily basis. If either bill becomes law, IL-APA believes that both the use of TIF by municipalities and the ability of TIF to drive positive economic change Illinois communities will decrease markedly.

IL-APA appreciates ITIA's leadership in advocating for communities that seek to encourage smart growth and reinvestment. Please let me know if there is anything IL-APA can do to support ITIA's effort to oppose SB1140 and SB2298, including notifying IL-APA's membership. As you know, TIF represents one of the few local economic development tools municipalities can rely on to achieve development goals and protect neighborhoods from disinvestment. IL-APA stands ready to advocate for legislation that helps communities achieve their full potential.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Silverman', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

David S. Silverman  
Chairman  
IL-APA Legislative Committee