

Dear CT General Assembly - I hope you and your loved ones are well.

I am Therese, a resident of Milford, CT, retired director of WHEAT, a nonprofit in West Haven, and I have a masters in public health from Yale, class of 1992.

I am writing in support of SB1, a bill that helps address a long-standing issue brought to the forefront by the pandemic.

For 20 years as the Director of WHEAT I saw first hand the stress and struggle for so many in our communities just to have a place to live and enough to eat. Substandard housing, no access to healthy food or a good education and all the stressors that entails is not good for anyone's health, individually or as a community.

We all breathe air, we all live in community - we must act like it. We are only ever as strong and healthy as the least amongst us - let's be the strong, healthy, and generous state I know we can be - please pass this Bill. Thank you, Therese Eke