

*To:* CT General Assembly Planning & Development Committee

*From:* NAME/TOWN OF RESIDENCE

*Re:* SB 1024, An Act Concerning Zoning Authority, Certain Design Guidelines, Qualifications Of Certain Land Use Officials And Certain Sewage Disposal Systems

*Date:* March 15, 2021

Chairman Cassano, Chairwoman McCarthy Vahey, Vice Chairman Needleman, Vice Chairwoman Goupil, Ranking Member Senator Hwang, Ranking Member Zullo, and Members of the Committee:

I believe zoning reform will positively impact my community and Connecticut. I live in Middletown, CT and chose this city because of the diversity: racial and socio-economic. I believe my community and those throughout Connecticut would benefit from the racial equity, affordable housing, pro-environmental implications and local economy boost from tax revenue and support for small local businesses that would come from this zoning reform.

We need more housing, and we need it to reflect the diversity of needs that individuals, couples, -non-nuclear families and extended families have. It is long past time for the 'one-size-fits-all' limitations for housing be expanded and adapted to the reality of 2021. The improvement in housing will translate to not only improved transportation, but also improved quality of life for our citizens.

Thank you for your time.