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Testimony in Support of SB 1024

Hello,

I strongly support the proposals included in SB 1024 to modify zoning rules to support the development of more housing, increase housing diversity and affordability, protect our environment and support the revitalization of urban areas. As a native of Danbury and graduate of the University of Connecticut, I aspire to eventually own a home in Connecticut and raise a family. The housing reforms proposed in this bill would increase the likelihood that I can find housing to fit my needs and my family's needs at that time, and increases the likelihood that I could live in an area that supports sustainable transportation choices, is close to good-paying jobs, and supports small businesses. Provisions to allow accessory dwelling units would provide valuable additional sources of revenue to me as a homeowner as well as the ability to offer housing to a parent, either permanently or for visits, within or adjacent to my home. I also support this legislation for what it will do to reduce housing pressure on our state's rural areas and redirect housing development to established areas including downtowns, main streets, and areas around transit stations. Housing developed in this areas will help make our state a more sustainable, neighborly, connected and vibrant place. This bill presents a well-researched and effective suite of policy changes that will deliver needed change and benefits to Connecticut for decades to come.

For these reasons I support SB 1024 and hope you will do the same.

Best,

David Andrew