

*To:* CT General Assembly Planning & Development Committee

*From:* Allison Barkley, Hamden

*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 am writing to support SB 1024. As an educator in New Haven, we often discuss how a child's zip code should not determine the quality of their education. Unfortunately, right now in Connecticut it most certainly does. SB 1024 is a start along the road to changing this and making Connecticut a more equitable state for the children I teach as well as my own children. By ensuring that all zip codes have a more diverse and affordable housing stock, we can generate revenue, allow citizens more choice of where they live, and attract new citizens to the state. SB 1024 also has environmental impacts which will, in the long term, allow my students and children to have a cleaner, healthier place to live. Thank you for your time and consideration.