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RE: HB 6107, HB 6611, HB 6612, HB 6613, SB 1024, SB 1026, SB 1027

Committee Members,

Please vote no for all bills concerning State-Mandated Zoning and yes to Maintaining Local Control and Protecting the Environment.

While housing is always an issue, towns need to maintain control over what is built within their borders. Many of us move to smaller towns because there is less crowding in schools, zoning laws meet our needs/wants, like the 'small town' feel vs. the city apartment and crowded streets..

Local town authorities are familiar with the land and what it can support. It is best that each town be able to make proper decisions for those who live within its borders. We cannot afford to be putting undue burden on water and sewer infrastructure.

Local town authorities understand traffic flow and what can negatively affect its townspeople. They know what their fire and police departments can handle.

I moved from a bigger city to a smaller town for the schools, small town feel, less traffic. I don't want my small town turned into apartments or multi-family homes with revolving door tenants. We are already having issues with the apartments that are being built here and many in town are very unhappy with the building that is being done. We who live here in Brookfield need to be able to work with our town officers to come together and do what is best for our town. To have the state involved complicates the right as tax-payers to have a say in what happens in our town.

There is nothing wrong with wanting a small town with small classroom sizes and less traffic and not all towns in Connecticut should be forced to comply to a state mandate that changes the environment that brought you to a town to purchase a home in the first place. Small towns and it's tax-payers should also not be burdened by any tax by not complying with an unfair state mandate.

Thank you.