

Dear CT Legislature,

I am writing to share my thoughts on SB 1024. I am firmly against this bill and I ask that you vote against it.

Frankly, I'm quite surprised that state officials believe they have earned the right for any additional responsibility. Their performance on every important issue has been very poor and downright embarrassing.

Responsible municipal officials and their constituents in Connecticut towns should continue to have the right to manage zoning and development in a way that is healthy for the Town, not some State goals as mandated by state bureaucrats. These state "officials" in Hartford have already made a mess of our state finances, running budget deficits every year AND INCREASING spending instead of cutting it. Why would anyone trust them with more responsibility when they have decimated our state finances and continue to be irresponsible.

Furthermore, I moved to our area for the quiet laid back life of a relatively small town, had I wanted to live in a high-density crowded urban setting, I would have moved to one. Our towns should be able to preserve our way of life that we sought in settling here. These "officials" in Hartford have been irresponsible and should not be given more authority to ruin the small towns of Connecticut.

Connecticut will face billion-dollar budget deficits at least through 2024, according to the budget report released by the Office of Fiscal Analysis

According to the report, the 2020 budget is 2.1 percent more than the 2019 budget and 2021 is 3.7 percent more than the 2020 budget.

So my message to State officials is PLEASE stop meddling in local affairs and do your job, fix the financial mess you and your predecessors have created.

Sincerely,

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