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I feel under no circumstances should this bill be approved. It should not be the responsibility of the state government to regulate all aspects of the various municipalities throughout the state.

While I'm in favor of more diverse housing in Connecticut, it shouldn't be directed at the state level. The municipality should be the responsible party in directing where and when additional housing is placed or zoning modified. All zoning should be accomplished at the local level and include a public hearing when deemed necessary.

The citizens of Connecticut (not all, but most) have worked hard to maintain a standard of living and residence in a particular area that they have chosen in the place that they want to be. The decisions that impact where our citizens live should be accomplished by the residents of the community not by the state.

The state has a real problem with the proverbial, "let's add people, let's train people, spend, spend and spend". This bill will add expenditures to many municipalities. The towns do not have the resources that could be required to fund this bill.

Respectfully,

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