

To Whom It May Concern,

SB 1024 is an exciting and necessary legislative step for the future prosperity and growth of Connecticut. Housing across the country is gradually becoming less accessible to first time homebuyers comprised of young families and professionals – the lifeblood of any community focused on progress. In Connecticut, a high cost of living exacerbates this concerning nationwide reality and adds to the all too familiar narrative of Nutmeggers from all walks of life leaving their home state for cheaper – if not greener – pastures. In addition, this past year of COVID life has only accelerated the process of more adults working from home, thereby increasing their flexibility in choosing a permanent residence.

SB 1024 directly targets the growing issue of housing inequity in Connecticut with “Main Street Zoning” legislation. It’s an opportunity to combat suburban sprawl while increasing housing supply in our urban sectors. It’s a chance to empower homeowners with ADU options and incentivize prospective builders with more multifamily unit friendly zoning. It’s a way to keep Connecticut competitive in attracting future homeowners and modern urban planners.

The leaders of this state have a clear choice when it comes to Connecticut’s future prospects: stick with the current game plan that feeds housing inequity or revise current zoning to better the prospects of state residents from all walks of life.

Thank you for reading,

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