

To Whom it May concern - Members of the Planning and Development Committee

I write to voice my opposition to SB 1024

I am a lifelong resident of Cos Cob, CT and a former member of the Town of Greenwich RTM and Conservation Commission.

I have serious concerns with the language of this bill. This bill will force changes to our community's character without resident input. This bill promotes development by builders whose sole concern is profit. Our LOCAL governing bodies including; Conservation Commission, IWWA and Planning and Zoning Department and Commission, serve our diverse population and work hard to preserve and protect what residents love about our town. Its neighborhood character, open space, well thought out Park systems and a quality of life that results in higher property values and higher taxes that support many State programs. AND we have a very successful Housing authority that serves those in need. This bill may negatively impact this success.

Connecticut should be working to encourage businesses and residents to our state. Why, during this time when there are far more pressing needs, would we create legislation that will hurt rather than help struggling communities?

Respectfully submitted

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