

State-mandated zoning is a threat to property rights, property values, responsible development, and the preservation of natural resources. I, and many in my community, do not support state-mandated zoning. As Americans and CT Residents we have the right to build a local community which reflects the way we would like to live. Local zoning protects this right and also ensures that we protect our natural resources for future generations. Local stakeholders need to be the ones governing activities which affect their natural resources. Moving those decisions further away from local stakeholders can easily result in an environmental or humanitarian crisis. I don't want my local water poisoned because state officials choose to ignore local building and conservation decisions. Local municipalities also have a better understanding of how new development stresses water, sewer, and educational infrastructure, and can therefore plan development in a more responsible manner. We choose to live in Connecticut because of the nice towns that locals were allowed to build and govern. Take away that right, and we will have no choice but to organize and push for leadership changes in the state house, or we could just pick up and move to a state which has a greater respect for local government and property rights.

Sincerely,

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