

Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 1024, An Act Concerning Zoning Authority, Certain Design Guidelines, Qualifications of Certain Land Use Officials and Certain Sewage Disposal Systems

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Chairman Cassano, Chairwoman McCarthy Vahey, Vice Chairman Needleman, Vice Chairwoman Goupil, Ranking Member Senator Hwang, Ranking Member Zullo, and Members of the Committee:

We need more abundant housing and more diverse types of housing. Our own children, raised in Connecticut, are not living here because of the lack of affordable housing. It is clear to them that the state is enforcing racially motivated housing zones from the 1940s and 50s, when 'affordable' was code 'non-white'. Having been raised in Glastonbury, they saw no reason to be forced to live in segregated housing in order to afford to live alone. Where are they now? Boston, Chicago and Seattle!! None of which are known for cheap housing but they choose the expensive-with-diversity over Connecticut's expensive-without-diversity.

As we approach retirement age, we, too, have to consider moving out of Connecticut. While we will have considerable retirement income, it may still be too expensive for us have good housing in Connecticut. There are options for us staying in our current home, but current zoning laws requires significant expense and our neighbors' approval! Both requirements are onerous.

Please support SB 1024 so that our children and their friends can afford to live in the state in which they were born and raised.

Respectfully,  
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