

To: CT General Assembly Planning & Development Committee

From: David Constantine / Middletown, CT

Re: SB 1024, An Act Concerning Zoning Authority, Certain Design Guidelines, Qualifications Of Certain Land Use Officials And Certain Sewage Disposal Systems

Date: March 15, 2021

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

I write to you in strong support of SB 1024. SB 1024 is an important bill that will advance a number of important goals and make Connecticut a better place to live. I urge the committee to support it.

I am fortunate to live in a portion of my town which is zoned for multi-family housing. That means I can live in a high-density condo complex with a diverse and wonderful group of neighbors which is in easy walking distance of my job and our downtown. Our complex also takes up a relatively small footprint, leaving space for open spaces and wooded areas nearby which are available for recreation and are environmentally important.

SB 1024 will make it easier to develop housing in my town and in other towns around Connecticut that have these benefits. Increasing the overall supply of housing will make housing in general more affordable, and make it easier to foster diverse communities, revitalize downtown areas, and will make further development and utilization of mass transit easier. It will also allow more dense housing development, and help us maintain more green space and small farms, both things I really appreciate about my part of Connecticut.

SB1024 is a very good bill that supports laudable goals. I urge you to support it.

Thank you for your time,
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