

I am writing to express strong opposition to Zoning Bill 1024. It is inappropriate for the state to mandate these changes at the local level without consideration of local situations.

Adding affordable units to high end developments, only encourages overbuilding. Reducing parking requirements for units will overrun the already limited parking available in some town centers and flood the neighborhood with cars parked in the streets, some of which are not wide enough to allow a fire truck to go down the street when cars are parked opposite each other.

I agree that we need more affordable options, but I feel it lies in tightening rules so that greedy developers and lawyers are not destroying neighborhoods and making the problems worse. Young families starting off want the same opportunities we had- a little house, on a tree lined street in a neighborhood. Why should we incentivize the building of crowded apartments on the post road or the train tracks, without a yard for kids to play in?

I firmly believe that local government is the best party to devise affordable housing that is beneficial to everyone.

Respectfully,
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