

To the legislature

My name is William DeRosa and along with my wife and son own Boxwood Farm located at 60 Taunton Hill Rd, Newtown , Ct, 06470. I am writing today to express my thoughts and serious concerns regarding (HB 6107, HB 6611, HB 6612, HB 6613, SB 1024, SB 1026, SB 1027).

The very thought of removing local towns from there own planning and zoning is beyond overreach and poorly conceived irresponsible big government. Quite simply it is nothing more then a power grab by State Democrats promoting its own partisan message of the National Democrat Party. For 35 Yrs Ct has had a majority of Democrats running the State. In those ensuing years we have gone from being the #1 Economy in the Union to #50 , or dead last. We have 9% unemployment compared to 6% in nation. Ct taxes are ranked #2 highest in the nation along with having the #3 highest outmigration. Currently we have 135 Billion dollars in unfunded liabilities due to poor negotiations done in bad faith with the Public Unions. With this kind of a record State leaders have no business being involved with decisions regarding anything let alone planing and zoning which reach the very core of the State. One size fits all is not a realistic plan nor does it serve anybody besides special interests group who pad the coffers of the Dem Party with millions of dollars through lobbying. The beauty of Ct and New England is in its small towns, each with its own character and architecture and unique to its own tax paying constituents. You can't compare Hartford or Danbury to Greenwich or Washington Depot nor would one want to. Planning and zoning belong with the local boards who know what is best for their particular town. I am very involved in my local government in Newtown and have attended many of the P&Z meetings. The time and painstaking discussion to each and every decision made by this board is bi- partisan and product of democracy at work. What makes anybody possibly believe that strangers in Hartford could or would know what is best for my town ? In my humble opinion this thought is completely disconnected with reality.

I urge each and every legislative person and Senators charged with governing to do the right thing regarding these heinous and poorly conceived Bills PUT THE POLITICS ASIDE IN THIS STATE AND START DOING THE RIGHT THING FOR THE STATE, VOTE NO TO STATE MANDATED PLANNING AND ZONING.

Thank you

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