

*To:* CT General Assembly Planning & Development Committee

*From:* James Dempsey / Brookfield

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

*Date:* March 14, 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 am writing to you to convey my support for Senate Bill 1024. Connecticut is one of the most segregated states in our country. Wealthy towns in our state have gone to great lengths to prevent affordable housing from being built. It is time for this to end. I strongly believe that people should be able to afford to live the community in which they work. I think that everyone benefits from having diverse communities. I believe that SB 1024 will help make this happen.

Thank you for your time.

James Dempsey

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