

*To:* CT General Assembly Planning & Development Committee

*From:* Michael Bochkur Dratver/New Haven, 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:

My name is Michael Bochkur Dratver, and I currently residing in New Haven, CT. I am writing this message to you in support of the passing of SB 1024, a bill designed to mend our shared American history's most unfortunate housing polices and regulations, a bill designed to aid those in need of housing a chance to put a more permanent roof over their heads, a bill designed to have its supporters sign on to the right side of history. I am personally not one to blindly support or back any cause. I do thorough research before I air my opinion, which is why I made sure to research both sides of the issue before sending this note. After studying the issue at hand, I can wholeheartedly say that this bill is a necessary step for us to take as the state of Connecticut.

Simply put, Connecticut needs more affordable and diverse housing, and this can be done via profitable, and economy boosting measures if and only if SB 1024 is passed. Developers will jump at the opportunity to create multifamily units in which just 10 percent needs to be affordable housing under SB 1024. This increase of population will provide more customers to local businesses and eventually lead to increased value in surrounding housing.

Please make your decisions based on facts and evidence, and not appeals to baseless rhetoric.