

TO: Connecticut General Assembly Planning & Development Committee

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RE: **TESTIMONY ON SB 1024: An Act Concerning Zoning Authority, Certain Design Guidelines, Qualifications of Certain Land Use Officials and Certain Sewage Disposal Systems**

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Chairman Cassano, Chairwoman McCarthy Vahey, Vice Chairman Needleman, Vice Chairwoman Goupil, Ranking Member Senator Hwang, Ranking Member Zullo, and Distinguished Members of the Connecticut General Assembly Joint Planning and Development Committee:

First and foremost, thank you to The Committee for considering my testimony in support of Bill SP 1024.

I strongly support the passage of SB 1024 because SB 1024 is a bill that will help all Connecticut residents and families through zoning reform and economic stimulation.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the state of Connecticut's economy will take years to rebuild. Local and state businesses have seen economic downturn in the gravest of positions. CT residents have been deeply burdened at such a high cost.

The passage of SB 1024 will lead to greater development for the state of Connecticut, including increasing the number of jobs and providing greater access to housing for millennials moving from NYC to CT, thereby fostering CT's future economic growth. New residents, including millennials and the elderly, will be searching for ADUs, which help stimulate local economic growth within small businesses.

More diverse housing options will also decrease the overall home cost for prospective or current residents looking to move to a CT town, which will incentivize further development while also making CT towns more affordable.

I fully and passionately support the passage of this bill because it will make our state more equitable, desirable, and will bring much needed bolstering to the state and local economies. This bill helps every single person living in Connecticut. The passage of SB 1024 will lead us to taking a step forward into a more prosperous, diversified, and inclusive home for all.

Thank you again for reading my testimony in strong support for the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,  
Emily Dwelle