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RE: Oppose SB 1024

Dear Members of CT General Assembly Planning & Development:

CT is already diverse. It has farms, forests, cities and suburbs and rural areas. SB 1024 will in make CT less diverse and encourage inappropriate and destructive crowding. When it comes to development it is the local residents who are best positioned to know what works best for their communities and not the state or special interest groups. Furthermore, I strenuously object to replacing septic systems with sewers to facilitate increased housing density as it is environmentally unsound. Long Island Sound should not be a toilet nor should clean drinking water be put at risk. (See links on CT sewage issues below).

Simply “rearranging the furniture” does not address the economic stagnation nor the sky-high taxes (CT #2 in nation) brought about by legislators who consistently vote for negative business policies. If it were not for people fleeing New York and Boston (due to pandemic restrictions) that mitigated the mass exodus of the citizens of CT over the past few years, we would have even less demand for housing. It is not certain our new residents will stay in CT and SB1024 is certain to make CT even less attractive.

<https://www.courant.com/news/connecticut/hc-news-connecticut-sewage-overflows-20191004-ichh4pltwrcjffyuqqc7wxneue-story.html>

[https://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/sewer\\_breakswage\\_into\\_mill\\_river/](https://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/sewer_breakswage_into_mill_river/)

<https://www.ctinsider.com/news/nhregister/article/CT-s-billion-dollar-sewage-problem-hits-cities-155452>

Sincerely,

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