

To: CT General Assembly Planning and Development Committee

From: Martha Freimuth, Manchester, 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:

I am writing to support passage of SB 1024 which, if passed, will move all of Connecticut closer to being a place where all people have an opportunity to live in decent affordable housing, close to the public transportation that will get them to places of work. More important, Connecticut will be moving toward actually providing a possibility of racial equity which has long been promised in our public relations campaigns.

As a social worker in a child guidance clinic, I often met with families struggling to find affordable housing. The instability in their housing situations took a huge toll on their children's education and on their mental health.

I strongly encourage you to pass SB 1024.