

*To:* CT General Assembly Planning & Development Committee

*From:* Julia Friend, 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:* 3/15/2021

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 in wholehearted support of SB 1024. I am single person in my 30s. I care about my environmental impact and wish to be within walking distance of shopping, neighbors, and public transportation. Racial equity is also greatly important to me and I think allowing mixed income housing opportunities in communities is a necessity as it will directly impact the public education opportunities of the children of Connecticut, and will create more vibrant, sustaining communities. I think Connecticut would be a more attractive place for young adults to relocate if SB 1024 were implemented.

Sincerely

Julia Friend