

To: CT General Assembly Planning and Development Committee

From: Holly Greenfield/Simsbury, 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:

As a volunteer in elementary schools, I strongly support SB 1024. Connecticut suffers from glaring inequities in housing and education, legacies of the structural racism this country is still trying to overcome. We have an opportunity, through zoning reform, to begin reducing those inequities and moving our state toward the values we claim to hold. If we truly want a just and prosperous society, one that values the land and *all* our people, we must change the rules that have kept some of us shut away from the best Connecticut has to offer.

Thank you for your consideration,

Holly Greenfield