

To: Planning and Development Committee
From: Lynn Guelzow, North Granby, CT

I write in support of SB 1024.

I have raised my family in the lovely town of Granby, CT. Without exception, my neighbors and I love our town and its unique rural character. The one thing we don't like is the irrational, and often arbitrary, decisions of our local zoning board. In the name of protecting the town's local control, the state has created a situation where volunteers with no expertise and no understanding of the ramifications of their decisions, heap restrictions and regulations on landowners.

I support SB1024 as I feel it is past time that some consistency and rationality be brought to land use law. SB1024 moves us in the right direction. It does not end local control. It does allow consistent and thoughtful land use regulations that protect communities, but prevents the uninformed biases of a tiny group of people from burdening all land owners.

SB1024 would be beneficial for small and medium-sized communities, improve diversity, improve housing stocks, and allow for rational development that meets the needs of residents without the arduous battles that are the norm all too often at present.

Please pass zoning reform.

Sincerely,
Lynn Guelzow
North Granby, CT