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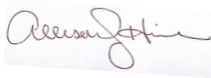
March 12, 2021

Dear Planning and Development Committee,

My name is Allison Hine and I write to you as a mother of two and an educator of over 20 years, committed to the goal of equitable education for all of our youth in Connecticut and across the country. There are so many systems and structures that have been put in place to ensure the continued segregation of our children, the inequitable funding of education leading to underfunding of many districts, and to poverty that is passed from one generation to the next. These explicit policies have desired outcomes, including lower homeownership among Black and Brown families, as well as the continued segregation of our cities and towns.

This bill is an opportunity for you to make meaningful change and to support zoning policies that will help to undo the unfair and unjust practices of our past. It is time for our country to address the duality of our history; to recognize those things we should be proud of, and to work to make right those things for which we need to take responsibility. Please take this small step in the right direction. We owe it to our children to lead by example.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Allison Hine", written in dark ink on a light-colored rectangular background.

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