

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my opposition to SB 1024, HB 6611, HB 6613 and SB 1027. Neither Hartford, nor any other city/town should be in charge of another town's zoning laws. With all due respect, those of you legislating from Hartford do not live in my town; therefore, you do not know what is in our best interest. Many, if not most of the people who live in Fairfield County left NYC for suburbia because we wanted space, privacy and greenery. Your proposed bills conjure up images of neighborhoods that will look more like parking lots, and dwellings built on every available piece of land so that we will all be living on top of one another – reminiscent of the city we all *chose* to leave!

More importantly, this will have detrimental economic results for our community and our state. I shouldn't have to remind all of you that Connecticut is one of the least fiscally responsible states in the union. If these bills pass, it will only drive out more people from our state, hurt our schools, and implode our housing market. I simply cannot understand why our state capital should dictate what type of housing each town should be permitted to build. Fortunately, our society needs low, middle and upper class people to thrive. We all live where we can afford. I don't live in Beverly Hills. Why? Because I cannot afford it. Should they start erecting an accessory dwelling in Kim Kardashian's backyard so that I may have a place to live?

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