

revised slightly! Please note that I forgot one sentence!!

Dear Chairman, Ranking Members and esteemed members of the Planning & Development Committee:

My name is Robyn Kammerer and I am a resident of 19 Gilbert Hill Road in Rowayton, CT 06853. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 1024 and related bills. I am writing in opposition of S.B. 1024. I was born and raised in Connecticut and returned to be near family while I raised my own. We bought a home in Rowayton, Connecticut within walking distance of the train station so that I could easily commute to New York City. There were only two homes that came on in our price range while looking (which of course was 2006 at the height of the market) and we bought the second one where we have happily resided now for 14 1/2 years.

If the zoning laws were to change, I am very concerned about our current infrastructure. How would the sewers accommodate 4-family homes that would literally cover my entire little village of Rowayton? What would happen to the schools? How would we handle the influx of cars and parking? What would this do to our population? What would it do our local resources like the beach and the library? We would need to expand in a smart and controlled manner - which this zoning does not address or support.

I am always in favor of affordable, diverse and unique housing - but I want it done strategically and smartly. Let's look at the big picture - what is best for the individual town, what makes sense from a growth perspective. On a separate note, how is the state going to handle all of these individual town requests? It just seems like a recipe for disaster to take the control away from local Planning and Zoning committees that carefully review each and every proposal thoughtfully and with great intent - and again, I worry about how the state will be able to handle the workload.

Please note that we should NOT pass S.B. 1024. Let's explore different avenues and different options. In addition, I oppose ALL of the duplicate concepts in House Bill's 6107, 661, 6612, 6613 and Senate Bills 1026 and 1027.

Thank you for taking the time to review this - I greatly appreciate it.

With all my best,
Robyn Kenyon Kammerer