

To the CGA Planning & Development Committee,

I wish to express my strong opposition to SB 1024, "An Act Concerning Zoning Authority, Certain Design Guidelines, Qualifications of Certain Land Use Officials and Certain Sewage Disposal Systems."

Land use by any town or municipality is a fundamental right of its citizenry. Such decisions should be directed locally, not by a faceless, state commission or district commission. Centralizing such decision making is both undemocratic and one step away from socialism. Locally elected planning & zoning boards make their decisions based on the will of the local electorate and community albeit within the existing state regulatory structure - that is our democratic system of government!

Passage of this measure will drive even more businesses and citizens from this state, further jeopardizing its future and finances. I strongly urge you to drop every provision of this legislation and maintain local control of planning & zoning decisions.

Respectfully,
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