

## Testimony in Opposition to SB 1024

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This is a radical bill which hopefully will be rejected by a bi-partisan coalition.

There has been a continuing decrease in the population of Connecticut. We don't need legislation which will have a negative impact on the character of our towns in order to increase the housing supply.

What we need is for the state to keep its hands off our local control of zoning while encouraging towns which are resistant to low cost housing to increase the supply in a thoughtful manner.

The current bill would allow a laundry list of uses without any local approval. It would encourage developers to develop multifamily structures with no parking available, a crazy approach. It ignores the needs of towns in insure appropriate infrastructure such as water and sewers for multifamily development. It is the work of a small group of partisans who are not in a position to assess the needs of each town, and who wish to supplant the will of the voters of our towns.

The biggest threat to Connecticut is outmigration and loss of jobs. We have a respite to this issue due to people moving here from New York City. Let's now ruin our towns by taking away zoning authority; otherwise outmigration will resume.