

To: CT General Assembly Planning & Development Committee

From: Jaclyn Kusluch, Hebron CT

Re: SB 1024, An Act Concerning Zoning Authority, Certain Design Guidelines, Qualifications Of Certain Land Use Officials And Certain Sewage Disposal Systems

Date: March 16, 2021

Chairman Cassano, Chairwoman McCarthy Vahey, Vice Chairman Needleman, Vice Chairwoman Goupil, Ranking Member Senator Hwang, Ranking Member Zullo, and Members of the Committee:

I write strongly in favor of this bill. Though my husband and I were fortunate enough to have been able to buy a house soon after moving to Connecticut over a decade ago, the lack of affordable housing in my adopted state still affects me directly and personally. I have family members who have been trying for nearly a year to move here, so we can be close again after so long, so our children know their aunts, uncles, and cousins; yet they have not been able to move to Connecticut for want of housing.

I hear so much from some politicians about how Connecticut is losing population, yet here we have a household deeply committed to making Connecticut their home, who wish to eventually purchase a house here, yet Connecticut's lack of affordable rentals has made them unwelcome. We have yet to find them housing as of today.

Please pass SB 1024. My family is waiting.

Thank you.