

To the Connecticut General Assembly Planning and Development Committee

Re: SB 1024, An Act Concerning Zoning Authority, Certain Design Guidelines, Qualifications
Of Certain Land Use Officials And Certain Sewage Disposal Systems
March 12, 2021

Chairman Casanova, Chairwoman McCarthy Vahey, Vice Chairman Needle,an, Vice
Chairwoman Goupil, Ranking Member Senator Hwang, Ranking Member Zello, and Members
of the Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 1024. Restrictive zoning regulations have made Connecticut into a state with significant disparities in income, wealth and opportunity, and have left our state very segregated. We can retain the beauty of Connecticut while allowing all residents to enjoy that beauty. Young people are leaving places like my town, Newtown, because they can't afford to live here. If we want our communities to remain vibrant in the future, we need to reform zoning restrictions so there is more housing, and there are more affordable housing options, to attract more young people and a more diverse population.

Connecticut needs zoning reform so our communities can thrive in the 21st century and beyond. Please support HB 1024.

Thank you.

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