

To the CT General Assembly Planning and Development Committee

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

March 14, 2021

Dear 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 to you in support of SB 1024. Our lovely State of CT has become the most disparate in the nation; our disparity is especially prevalent in housing. Restrictive zoning laws and regulations are keeping our state segregated by race, economic differences, and opportunity. Our beautiful state can and should be one of opportunity for all, not just the wealthy. In fact, we are losing young people who cannot afford housing in our state. We need to reform restrictive zoning regulations so our communities can boast of opportunity and flourish with diverse populations. I strongly encourage you to support SB 1024 so housing options are expanded and more affordable. Keeping our young people from fleeing to other states and supporting efforts to diversify our population will benefit all of us.

Please support SB 1082. Thank you.

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