

NO TO SB 1024

SB 1024 is nothing more than a wholesale eminent domain land and power grab by the State of Connecticut and is a violation of the “taking clause” of the United States Constitution.

The “taking clause” of the Fifth Amendment strikes a balance between private property rights and the government’s right to take property that benefits the public at large. The superior power the government can exert over private property is sometimes referred to as “eminent domain.” Government may use eminent domain, for instance, to acquire land to build a park or highway through a highly populated area, so long as it pays “just compensation” to the property owners for the loss.

While we all can agree that there is a need for more affordable housing, this legislation does not provide for “just compensation.” The only compensation that will be going on with this bill will be going to the developers and, if one follows the money, into the campaign coffers of the politicians and lobbyists who support it, which does not benefit the “public at large” as required by the Consitution.

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