

*To:* CT General Assembly Planning & Development Committee

*From:* Aaron Morabito, Rocky Hill Connecticut

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

*Date:* March 15, 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 am writing regarding SB 1024, a bill that is long overdue and needed in Connecticut. I am in support of SB 1024 because it addresses the segregation Connecticut faces through reforming our zoning laws and policies. As someone from Rocky Hill, zoning reform is something I need to see in my community. Our town is divided even within itself, and is not made affordable or accessible to multi-family houses. Bills such as SB 1024 will help address Connecticut's large segregation problem, and can contribute to advancing racial justice and equity. Housing segregation impacts several other aspects of marginalized people's lives, including [education](#). Our local and state communities are in need of more abundant housing and more diverse types of housing.

Sincerely,

Aaron Morabito, Rocky Hill Connecticut