

To: CT General Assembly Planning & Development Committee

From: Mary Jo Nosal/Town of Old Lyme

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

Date: March 14, 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 in support of SB 1024.

It is clear to me, that carrot and stick approaches have been insufficient to grow diverse housing options in suburban CT. Changes in land use regulations will allow for a diversity of housing options while protecting our valuable forests from unscrupulous development. A multi-family project was spectacularly blocked in Old Lyme a few years ago due to fear, politics, and the promise of litigation rather than any sincere effort to adjust the plans to meet the housing needs of the region. We must do better.

I urge your support for SB 1024.

Respectfully,

Mary Jo Nosal
Selectwoman, Town of Old Lyme