

Dear Planning & Development Committee,

Please see below for my written testimony in favor of SB 1024.

Thank you so much for considering it.

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I am in favor of SB 1024 for several reasons:

I'm a farmer. I want smarter zoning codes across CT so that suburban sprawl ceases to encroach on land that should either be affordable for farmers or stay wild so that the ecosystems we rely on for pollination and balance are more resilient.

I'm a teacher. James Baldwin said that the only way to improve a ghetto was by its extinction. Some of my families would not feel comfortable having their children play at the houses of my other families because the places where they live are not safe. It is unacceptable that leaders know of these places and do nothing about them for generations.

I moved back to CT to be close to family after 20 years living outside the state. My family is on the end of segregation that seemingly benefits, but at the cost of a spiritual poverty that was a major reason I wanted to leave as soon as I could and stayed away so long.