

Dear Planning & Development Committee,

There is no such thing as good segregation, whether racial or economic. Accordingly I strongly support the passage of SB 1024 to reform zoning laws in Connecticut.

When I was twelve years old and in middle school, we moved to a wealthy suburb of Chicago. My father was a school administrator and my mother was a homemaker. The only housing we could afford in the community where my father worked was in one of the three apartment buildings in the town, which not coincidentally were right next to the railroad tracks. This allowed me to attend an excellent public school.

It is my hope that passage of SB 1024 will permit more towns in Connecticut to provide young people the opportunities I enjoyed as a child.

Thank you so much for considering it.

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