

As a homeowner and small businessman, I strongly oppose SB1024 "AN ACT CONCERNING ZONING AUTHORITY," the unprecedented proposal before the Connecticut General Assembly to usurp local authority over planning and zoning which would, without a doubt, lead to a substantial lowering of property values in virtually all Connecticut towns, alter the way of life which brought us to Connecticut in the first place, and contribute to the exodus of residents from the state – a trend which has increased at an alarming rate in recent years. This legislative proposal is bad policy at best and, at worst, a cynical land grab by politicians who have already failed the state miserably, catapulting Connecticut into the top tier of states whose population is declining precipitously as residents are fleeing in droves. The most-certainly negative consequences of SB1024 far outweigh any perceived benefits to the state and its residents and it must not, therefore, be enacted into law.

Respectfully submitted,

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