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I am not opposed to affordable housing in principle, but it has to fit in with the “character” and needs of small communities. Local Planning and Zoning Boards are the proper places for these decisions to be made. Local boards are experts at reviewing and approving local projects.

Housing units reserved for low-income residents WILL, in turn, puts a strain on the town’s ability to raise enough revenue to pay for things like schools and street repairs. Multistory apartment complex’s do not fit the character or desires of suburban and rural towns in Connecticut. Over the last several decades, state financial support going to towns has dropped significantly and local property taxes have risen dramatically. In addition bills like this, will negatively impact the frail public infrastructure, including the lack of sidewalks, increased demand on firefighting and police response, overwhelming educational capacity, increased load on human services support and to our tradition as a single-family home community.

If the state is not careful there will be a mass exodus of residents with high paying jobs from the state. One thing the Covid shutdown has taught many residents working remotely is that they can live in any town in any state and still do their job. This is a frequent topic of discussion in my house hold and with my college students after class.

Towns should be the authority in charge of decisions that effect local tax payers NOT THE STATE LEGISLATURE ... STAY IN YOUR OWN LANE!

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Thank you,

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