

To the members of the Planning and Development Committee:

I am Deborah Schultz from Woodbury, CT and am vehemently OPPOSED to SB 1024 which proposes a state-controlled “one-size fits all” zoning plan and takes away local decision making. But one size does not fit all, and just like the city of Hartford would scoff at the town of Woodbury trying to tell them how to run their city, so, too, do townspeople scoff at the idea that the “State,” or more accurately, representatives from cities, know how to run our towns.

Never mind the fact that the city of Hartford has been so poorly managed that it had to be bailed out (using our tax dollars) to the tune of \$534 million just a mere three (3) years ago. Seems to me their citizens would be better served by the cities focusing on the needs of their citizens. What will benefit all cities and towns is economic development, an increase in jobs, and better schools.... None of which will be accomplished by this coercive bill with its desire for top-down control of towns.

The assumption by those who belong to Desegrate CT who insinuate that local citizens are unable to advance affordable housing in their towns is insulting. Woodbury is currently in the process of updating our entire zoning regulations with the goal to introduce more suitable housing via clusters and communities in specific corridors. We don't need state bureaucrats to take over our local zoning and land use laws. We are fully capable of doing it ourselves.

Respectfully submitted,

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