

*To:* CT General Assembly Planning & Development Committee

*From:* Melissa Shohet, Newtown

*Re:* SB 1024, An Act Concerning Zoning Authority, Certain Design Guidelines, Qualifications Of Certain Land Use Officials And Certain Sewage Disposal Systems

*Date:* March 15, 2021

Chairman Cassano, Chairwoman McCarthy Vahey, Vice Chairman Needleman, Vice Chairwoman Goupil, Ranking Member Senator Hwang, Ranking Member Zullo, and Members of the Committee:

I urge you to support SB 1024 because local exclusionary zoning codes are simply unsustainable. These regulations keep the housing supply low, dispersed, and unaffordable for many. Connecticut housing needs an update, and SB 1024's training proposals, model codes, and transit-oriented development strategies can help us get there. I want to live in a state that is forward-thinking, a state where communities take common-sense measures to ensure that every resident has a safe, accessible place to live without breaking the bank. SB 1024 can help us get there.

Regards,

Melissa Shohet