

*To:* CT General Assembly Planning & Development Committee

*From:* Renée Tribert, Portland

*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 support the zoning changes proposed in SB 1024. I believe that towns across the state will benefit by encouraging people of varied social, economic and cultural backgrounds to live side by side, thereby allowing us all to interact as neighbors not 'others;' by hopefully encouraging the continued use/reuse of existing historic buildings that promote a sense of continuity instead of razing them for new construction; by reducing environmental impacts from a variety of transportation and demolition sources.

Thank you.