

Please do not approve the following proposed legislation:

S.B. 1024, An Act Concerning Zoning Authority, Certain Design Guidelines, Qualifications of Certain Land Use Officials and Certain Sewage Disposal Systems.

This type of legislation upends local control of land use decisions and takes the power out of local, elected leaders in our towns. There is a need for more diverse housing in Connecticut and this has to be addressed, however, the individual needs of each municipality must be considered.

S.B. 1024 will eliminate local control over certain types of housing and allow certain development to occur without a local public hearing; create new mandates (and costs) including training staff; affect the environment and drinking water statewide by ignoring the responsibilities of municipalities who host waterways and open space; impact traffic flow, parking demands; drive up residency at a rate which outpaces the capacities of local resources/services such as police, fire, and schools; overburden the public water and sewer infrastructure; and require access to public transportation.

Sincerely,  
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