

To: CT General Assembly Planning & Development Committee

From: Alex Villamil / Sandy Hook, CT.

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:

Dear Members,

I believe that in order to have a more diversified and equitable Connecticut, we need to revisit our zoning laws. Whatever the purpose of them, as some people stipulate that they have been used to segregate the poor or minorities from their towns: whether that was actually the intent, the consequences have been just that. There is no excuse in this day and age to keep those less fortunate from the ability to live amongst the more affluent towns in our state. The demographics show that these more affluent towns are primarily made up of a white population, that only leads to divisions through ethnic and or cultural misunderstandings in my opinion. We need a diverse, equitable and a more unified Connecticut. For these reasons I support SB 1024, and I hope that you will support bring it up to a vote.

Respectfully

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Sent from my iPad