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RE: Bill HB1607, HB6611, HB 6612, HB 6613, SB 1024, SB 1026, SB 1027

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to object to the above noted Bills.

I agree that the need for more diverse housing in Connecticut needs to be addressed, However, the unique needs and geography of each community (including cities, suburbs, and rural areas) must be considered.

The above noted Bills will:

- Force municipalities to erect specific types of housing developments within a ½ mile of transit stations OR ¼ mile of commercial corridors
- Eliminate local control over certain types of housing (location-based, accessory, 2+ units) and allow certain developments to occur without a local public hearing
- Create new mandates – including training staff, assimilating local regulations and shouldering new costs
- Affect the environment and drinking water statewide by ignoring the responsibilities of municipalities who host waterways, open space
- Impact traffic flow, parking demands
- Drive up residency at a rate which outpaces the capacities of local resources/services – Police, Fire, Schools
- Overburden the public water and sewer infrastructure (if available)
- Require access to public transportation (if available)
- Force municipalities to erect specific types of housing developments within a ½ mile of transit stations OR ¼ mile of commercial corridors, Eliminate local control over certain types of housing

I believe the 169 towns of Connecticut are too diverse to have this level of state control. The local town officials and their citizens are eminently more familiar and better equipped to regulate these matters at a local level.

Please consider my testimony when debating the necessity of these Bills.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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