

SB 1024

Keep the state out of local zoning matters. Local knows better.

While the need for more diverse and affordable housing in Connecticut must be addressed - this bill does little to increase housing affordability and nothing to help those in greatest need of improved housing and better educational opportunities. They need better housing and educational opportunities where they currently live. Often people do not want to be in the boondocks with no quick access (long traveling times) to get to shopping, entertainment, medical appointments etc.

All this bill does is create a "top down" approach to centralize zoning and development – and even building and street design – at the state level, and disregards specific needs of each community. If the goal is to help disadvantaged residents and improve economic mobility, this bill misses the mark.

there are already enough unfunded mandates that the state has forced on towns. **WE DO NOT NEED MORE !!**

Most small towns do not have city sewers or water. Who is going to pay for all these new water wells and sewers? The state? **THE STATE IS ALREADY BANKRUPT !!** And mandating the expense to the towns without their approval is way out of line !

Some towns like mine (Harwinton) have minimum lots sizes to take care of adequate space for a septic system so that it does not pollute wells and water ways. Have you ever heard of such things as ledge and inland wetlands? Minimum lots sizes address these problems. Also have you ever heard of large hills and mountains that are in eastern and western Connecticut? Have you ever tried putting in an underground pipe in that type of location? It's almost impossible and prohibitively expensive if it can be done

Who is going to pay for all for all the city buses that the proposal is advocating? Who is going to pay for the rail lines? Will we have more buses to nowhere like the one from new Britain to Hartford that hardly anyone uses and is running a deficit?

Who is going to pay for all the roads and road improvements plus parking this would require?

Who is going to pay for municipal sewer plants? Who is going to pay for municipal water systems?

Who is going to pay for the increase in a town's population if these plans are implemented that will affect all public services and the local school systems?

THE STATE ? I doubt that as the state is already decreasing grants to those towns that were smart enough like Harwinton to keep their taxes and expenses under control.

Towns know best what their local road conditions are and how to design around them. Every area is unique and what works in one town, may not necessarily work in another.

ONE SIZE FITS ALL BIG GOVERNMENT DOES NOT WORK !! It distances those making the decisions from those being affected by them.

Small towns are not cities and should not be made to be like one! We live in a small town for a reason and it is not to have that town be like a city !!

When it comes to development, local residents - not the state - know what works best for our communities. I hope you'll speak out to help block more state interference in local affairs and preserve the "home rule" structure that makes each of our small towns so unique.

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