

*To:* CT General Assembly Planning & Development Committee

*From:* Harry van Dyke, Simsbury

*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 am writing today to voice my support for SB 1024. As a college student, where I want to settle down after graduation is a question I will soon have to answer. I would love to stay in Connecticut, but the high cost of housing is one of the main reasons I would seriously consider moving out, as so many other young people in Connecticut have. I believe that SB 1024 would take the necessary steps in order to reduce the cost of housing in Connecticut. Specifically, the reforms to accessory dwelling units would make it easier for people in my position to attain affordable housing. By streamlining the process of approving and building ADUs, it would allow for the creation of more housing that is perfect for those who want to stay in CT without paying for costly housing.

Thank you for your time, and I urge a yes vote on this important legislation.