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Members of the Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Stanley Masayda. I am a former member of the Watertown Planning and Zoning Commission and also was later employed by the Town of Watertown as Zoning Officer and Town Planner where I served for 25 years before my retirement. I am here to speak against the passage of Raised Bill #1030, An Act Concerning an Appeal of a Decision of a Zoning Board of Appeals. It has always been my belief that regulations, statutes, laws, etc. were made for the benefit of the taxpayers, citizens and residents of the State of Connecticut.

The legislation being proposed will hinder the rights of our citizens. If this law is passed, a citizen who feels he was unfairly treated by a commission will be intimidated to file an appeal with the threat of damages he could possibly be assessed. This is not the American way.

Let the appeal process stay on an even playing field as it does now.

Stanley Masayda