



*Developers, Designers and  
Builders of Fine Homes in  
Fairfield County for Over  
- Half a Century -*

*Steiner, Inc.*

Dear Senator Andrew Maynard, Representative Tony Guerrero, Members of the Transportation committee,

My name is Chris Steiner and I am the fourth generation of a family development business located in Bethel, CT. We have developed over 1 million square feet of office, industrial, and retail space, along with over 1,000 homes within the Fairfield County area over the past 60 years. Most of the commercial space which we have developed we own and manage ourselves today. As a fourth generation family business man we are in it for the long haul, and have a vested interest not only in the towns which we work but also the state.

We know as a development company to get new projects in motion we all have to work together, us with the prospective buyer/tenant, and also with the state. Over the past couple of years it has been hard enough to get businesses to look at CT, but we also have found that once you get a prospective business it is has been a long process to get approvals from state agencies.

This is why I am in support of committee bill 824, which would streamline the STC process with town approvals. If this bill gets passed the timeframe to get projects "shovel ready" will get reduced dramatically. We all know some towns take months to get projects approved then to go to the STC for approvals after the town, takes many more months. It is not unheard of to take well over a year or even many years to get fully approved. This long timeframe hurts the business climate and we need to make CT more business friendly.

Thanks for your time and consideration,

Chris Steiner

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I have examples of prior experiences with the long timeframes with the STC if any of you would like to contact me personally.

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