

## TESTIMONY ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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Proposed Bill #6121

The Town of Ridgefield fully supports Proposed Bill #6121. Section 8-30g currently allows high-density development in watershed lands. In a recent affordable housing court of appeals decision, the judge stated “the need for affordable housing does not outweigh the need to protect our public water supply watersheds.” The current State of Connecticut Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) allows for one unit for every two acres. If an affordable housing developer chooses a watershed area, the minimum standard should comply with the State POCD. It currently does not.