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RE: House Bill 5507

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to you in order to oppose proposed House Bill 5507 in regards to the section involving Zoning Enforcement Officers (section 8-3 (e) of the CGS). Most of the bill relates to Fire Marshals and Building Officials, both of whom govern by a code set at the State level whereas Zoning Officers govern by a code set at the local level. Theoretically, you could take a Building Official or Fire Marshall from one town, within the state, and transport then to another town without any issues because the code is the same. You would not be able to do this with a Zoning Officer because the regulations are completely different from town to town.

Changing the appointment authority from the Zoning Commission, which creates the regulations, to the Chief Executive Officer of the town seems to be a change that would create added confusion and uncertainty whenever a new CEO is elected.

In Closing, all I would ask is that you to speak with your local Planning / Zoning Commissions and Town, City or Borough CEO's prior to voting on a bill which may affect them at a local level.

Sincerely

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