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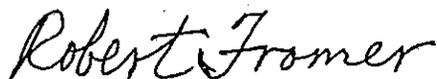
Co-Chairmen and Members  
Planning and Development Committee  
Room 2100, Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: **S.B. 405, AAC CONCERNING PUBLIC HEARINGS ON SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS.**

Dear Co-Chairmen and Committee Members:

My name is Robert Fromer, and I am an Environmental Consultant. I strongly oppose S.B. 405 because it changes existing law to require that local planning commissions can only hold public hearings on subdivision proposals if they have determined that the proposal violates local subdivision regulations. This defies sound reasoning because commissions use the input they obtain from experts and the public at hearings to assist in determining whether a proposal complies with subdivision regulations. Additionally, public hearings can bring to light environmental, infrastructure, and social factors that are important to consider. The bill asks planning commissions to make important decisions without all the facts. That's just bad policy, for development and for the environment.

This bill is unnecessary and constitutes **legislative pollution**. To the Despoilers, a green environment is the color on U.S. currency.



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