

February 5, 2015

To: Senator Tony Hwang  
and Housing Committee  
300 Capitol Ave  
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Housing Committee Public Hearing  
Proposed S.B. No. 171, Proposed S.B. No. 172  
Proposed S.B. No. 403, Proposed S.B. No. 407  
Proposed H.B. No. 5802

Dear Senator Hwang and Housing Committee:

I wish to register my objection to the affordable housing statute, Section 8-30g, in its present format. It needs much more than minor adjustments. The affordable housing statute is used many times by developers to “break zoning” anywhere it is profitable. Consider repealing the affordable housing land use appeals act or significantly modifying the General Statutes 8-30g and 8-30h in the following ways:

1. Exempt municipalities with a watershed component of 50% or more, or with a population less than 10,000 residents,
2. Limit any development on any watershed to one single-family residence per three upland acres in order to adequately protect the public water supply, and
3. Amend it to restrict its application to land within two miles of public transportation.

The best way to start addressing deficiencies in the affordable housing statute and to protect the drinking supply watershed for Connecticut residents is to at least modify it with the three items above.

Thank you for consideration and for your service to the State of Connecticut.

Respectfully submitted,

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