

Testimony For H-30g Hearing to be Held February 5, 2015

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To Whom It May Concern,

It is quite commendable to encourage the development of affordable housing. It is quite the contrary when it becomes a mandate that includes large loopholes allowing builders and developers the ability to ignore the planning and zoning rules and regulations that exist in our towns.

Since 1835, when Westport was incorporated, town planners *and* residents have worked to control the development and to preserve the character of their town. Not always successful nor to the liking of all residents, Planners have tried to balance all that's necessary to create and maintain a vibrant, safe, desirable community.

If 8-30g enables a builder to construct a multi-story, multi-unit apartment complex on an already overly-congested Post Road and not having to comply with existing zoning regulations, then that would be an example of an absolute and utter abuse of this well-intentioned law.

Please help protect and preserve Connecticut's character by protecting and preserving our small towns and their zoning laws.

Very sincerely,

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cc: Senator T. Boucher