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Testimony in support of Raised HB 5176 An Act Concerning Community Residences.

Dear Chairmen Osten and Miller, Ranking Members Linares and Aman, and distinguished members of the Planning and Development Committee:

I am writing in support of rHB 5176 An Act Concerning Community Residences with a suggested amendment to require residences to conform to local zoning and land use regulations. In the town of New Milford issues have arisen with a home that has raised concerns with the neighborhood.

We have similar residences in my community and they have been good neighbors as well as blend in with the surroundings. Municipalities should have the ability to enforce its local zoning laws and ordinances on the residences as every other residential and commercial properties are required to comply with. The businesses that purchase the residential properties have a responsibility not only to their clients but also to the neighborhood in not creating blight and potential public safety issues in the community.

I thank the Committee for including rHB 5176 on today's public hearing agenda and welcome further dialogue.

Respectfully yours,

Cecilia Buck-Taylor