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**From:** Miga Henry <hmiga@simsbury-ct.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 26, 2016 11:05 AM  
**To:** pstestimony  
**Subject:** Raised Bill 238 LCO 1985

Members of the legislature,

With great respect for the legislative and regulatory process, I urge you to not support this bill. Connecticut has prided itself as the first statewide building code and has made consistent effort to achieve uniform regulation and enforcement of regulations for our built environment. Fire Marshals across the State and through their organizations have in the past confirmed their limited involvement with single family homes. This legislation is incremental in nature and undermines the intent and practice of a Statewide regulation. It would involve local Fire Marshals in the construction and maintenance of single family homes. The State Building Official and State Fire Marshal are active participants along with the Connecticut Codes and Standards Committee in evaluating and addressing concerns with a proposed requirement for Residential sprinklers in single family homes. There is nothing in our present regulations preventing anyone from installing residential sprinklers in their new or existing home and is encouraged but not required. Please reject this proposed bill.

Respectfully submitted and representing only myself

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