

**“NO to State-Mandated Zoning and  
Yes to maintaining Local Control & Municipal Home Rule”**

Ref. Bill Numbers (*HB 6107, HB 6611, HB 6612, HB 6613, SB 1024, SB 1026, SB 1027*)

To whom it may concern:

These bills may have been put forth with good intentions but do not serve the greater good of the people of Connecticut. The state should leave the zoning decisions to the local governments who have a better understanding of their environments. Political broad-sweep bureaucrats do not have any insight into local decision making; the 'one size fits all' view is a simplistic approach that speaks to emotions rather than to reality..... and sets a dangerous precedence as we have seen in other parts of the country.

The allure of Connecticut is in the uniqueness and strength of its local communities. The passing of these bills will potentially turn away people considering to move here as well as give pause to high end tax payers who already live here, that they may consider leaving the state.....something we cannot afford in this pandemic!

Connecticut (as well as the rest of the world's governments) are currently experiencing a crisis brought on by the pandemic. All of our resources and focus should be directed towards returning to normalcy and strengthening the economy. These bills serve only as a distraction from our real problems.

It is this misguided type of political movement that created the great dissatisfaction with government which came to a head in the presidential election of 2016, opening the door for the previous administration.....and we all saw what that resulted in. If these bills pass, I fear that they will potentially add to the fuel for return of another wave of political upheaval in 2024!