

TESTIMONY FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, March 15

We are writing to voice our opposition to HB-6611, HB-6612, HB-6613, SB-1024, SB-1026, SB-1027, HB-6107

We believe that affordable housing is important. However, local governments should be able to control the zoning of their towns. Each town has unique infrastructure and environmental situations and the local governments are more attuned to that information than government at the state level. We don't want a "one size fits" solution from Hartford that doesn't necessarily address the affordable housing issues of our town. We trust ourselves and our neighbors who care about our town, environment, traffic and our future.

It seems that there are powers at work that want to essentially change the small neighborhood feel of East Norwalk near the train station. We must maintain local control of zoning decisions that are informed by the experiences of the people who live here.

We are greatly concerned about the future of our town and other Connecticut towns if the above bills are passed. Connecticut will continue to lose taxpayers to other states if the State Government continues to try to wrest control from localities and concentrate power at the state level.

Thank you,
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