

Re: OPPOSE HB6107: AN ACT CONCERNING THE REORGANIZATION OF THE ZONING ENABLING ACT AND THE PROMOTION OF MUNICIPAL COMPLIANCE

Residents of Connecticut chose their city or town of residence as well as the neighborhoods in which they live based upon the local control and safeguards of zoning. Residents in each city or town have the ability to appear at public hearings regarding any proposed changes in zoning and express their opinions which are taken into consideration before any changes are voted upon and enacted.

What is happening in this proposed piece of legislation is that the State is taking over the cities' and towns' functions, coercing the State's version of what it thinks the residents should be forced to live with in a dictatorial manner, squashing our choices and our quality of life. The companion piece of legislation, **HB1024**, inculcates the damage by forcing density upon single family neighborhoods, gutting reasonable parking requirements, leading to vehicular parking nightmares and much more congestion and pollution on our local streets, as well as a whole host of other requirements.

In addition, the legislation establishes an unelected bureaucratic oversight group comprised of thirteen members, appointed by unelected officials who are not answerable to the residents of Connecticut.

This legislative session, with its burdensome and expensive proposed zoning and tax proposals, is causing people to think long and hard about whether the diminishing quality of life here is worth the ever escalating expense of remaining in the State.

Think long and hard about what your proposals are doing to the residents of Connecticut and vote a resounding no on both HB6107 and HB1024. They are most definitely not in our best interest.

Thank you for your kind attention to my email.

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