

Testimony to the Connecticut Planning and Development Committee

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Regarding the Senate Bill 1068 (Raised) An Act Concerning Property Taxes and Affordable Housing.

And OPPOSITION TO H.B. 6107, H.B. 6611, H.B. 6612, H.B. 6613, S.B. 171, S.B. 172, S.B. 1024, S.B. 1026, S.B. 1027,

NO TO MANSION TAX AND STATE-MANDATED ZONING AND YES TO MAINTAINING LOCAL CONTROL AND MUNICIPAL HOME RULE

Senator Cassano, Representative McCarthy-Vahey, and Members of the Planning and Development Committee, I respectfully submit the following testimony in **opposition of Senate Bill 1068** An Act Concerning Property Taxes and Affordable Housing.

Additionally, I also submit this testimony in opposition to H.B. 6107, H.B. 6611, H.B. 6612, H.B. 6613, S.B. 171, S.B. 172, S.B. 1024, S.B. 1026, S.B. 1027. The aforementioned Bills are disrespectful to municipal home rule and local control over land use decisions distinctively impacting each city. I strongly oppose the imposition of state directed zoning and land use control. Local policymaking on individual land use applications, particularly zoning applications, must remain with the respective towns and their commissions. I disagree with the notion that each town and community can be governed as if all are identical and that state wide control is fair to each community in order to remedy assumed yet unproven affordable housing issues. I implore this legislative body to preserve local zoning and home rule, protect the environment and open space, and stop overdevelopment. For these reasons, the Bills must be denied.

I also find it to be an affront to Connecticut citizens with this strategy of packing more than 10 Bills with the hope that one will pass.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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