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Dear Chairman and Members of the Transportation Committee,
cc: Tony Hwang, Will Haskell, Anne Hughes and Tom Odea

Please Vote no on HB 6570. This bill will erode the power of local towns and cities to decide for themselves what kind of real estate development to permit in their jurisdictions by mandating state zoning rules in the area around transportation locations.

Consistent with efforts to regionalize education and create a state-wide property tax, there are multiple proposals designed to eliminate 'home rule' and local zoning rights by giving Hartford the power to establish state-wide zoning laws.

These proposals are misguided. Instead of common-sense, market-driven solutions to provide diversified housing, overseen by locally elected and accountable representatives, Hartford politicians would issue state-mandated decrees and control local zoning.

We expect you to vote No on every legislation that gives local decision-making rights to a state or regional body. And we expect you to speak out publicly against this movement to fundamentally change home rule.

Sincerely,

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