WHY WE SUPPORT HB 6107 for the 2021 Legislative Session

HB 6107 Empowers Our State:
Zoning laws dictate how we design and build our communities. Statewide reforms can boost our economy, increase access to housing and opportunity, and safeguard our environment. SB 1024 can help the Connecticut we love flourish and live up to its full potential.

Key Provisions of HB 6107

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS
• Legalize small units (examples at left) nestled in single-family housing
• Allow size of 30% of the main unit or 1,000 SF, whichever is less
• Eliminate public hearing burdens – like 57% of towns already do!

CAP COSTLY PARKING MANDATES AT:
• 2 spaces per 2+BR unit
• 1 space per 0-1BR unit

MODEL CODES FOR BUILDINGS & STREETS
• Guidelines for towns to choose to adapt to improve & clarify decision-making
• Enable neighborhood-scale street design
• Define “character” with physical site and architectural standards

TRAINING FOR COMMISSIONERS (SB 1026)
• Fair housing, environment, preservation

HB 6107 Would Empower Towns to:
• Generate significant tax revenues: $40 million in 1 year, $16 million annually (per NAHB 2019)
• Adapt & adopt a ready-made, no-cost model code
• Save millions on litigation: in 2020, towns were sued 159 times for their zoning decisions

Key Stats:

1 in 6
CT residents spend 50%+ on housing

100%
Young people (under 40!) testified in favor of SB 1024

66%
Support “clear, more uniform” zoning

60+
Op-eds published in favor of zoning reform

Here are some of the 69 organizations we have been working with:

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