

Your voice matters!

If you're interested in expressing your support of the local control of planning and zoning, a letter to the editor of your local paper is a great place to start. (An op-ed can also be helpful!) Here are some tips:

Where to Start

- Look on the website of your local paper for: (a) a Letter to the form, or (b) an email address.
- Or, check out links to larger papers: Stamford Advocate, New Haven Register, Hartford Courant. Submit also to the CT Register
- Some newspaper contacts:

The Connecticut Mirror	pstern@ctmirror.org
Courant	opinion@courant.com
The Day	letters@theday.com
Danbury News Times	Letters@newstimes.com
CT Post	edit@ctpost.com
Greenwich Time	editorials@scni.com
Stamford Advocate	Letters.advocate@scni.com
New Haven Register	letters@nhregister.com
CT Examiner	letters@ctexaminer.com
CT News Junkie	ctnewsjunkie@gmail.com
Meriden Record Journal	newsroom@record-journal.com
Norwalk Hour	letters@thehour.com
Manchester Inquirer	letters@journalinquirer.com
Waterbury Republican American	opinion@rep-am.com
The Newtown Bee	EDITOR@THEBEE.COM
The Middletown Press	Cassandra.Day@hearstmediact.com
The Bulletin	rhackett@norwichbulletin.com

Writing A Letter

- Be concise: most papers limit LTEs to 300 words or less.
- Check out our [Power Point](#) for topics of interest to write about
- Make it personal: write about why *you* want to keep local planning and zoning decision making, why your voice at public hearings matters on individual projects in your community, and why the bills do not create

affordability, do not protect the environment, and will overwhelm the local infrastructure and increase local property taxes.

- Emphasize the overall goal: inclusivity begins by engaging ALL STAKEHOLDERS in creating sound zoning policy. We need representation of local P&Z leaders of cities, suburbs and rural towns statewide as well as soils, sanitation, conservation and environmental specialists to create effective legislation that will properly address affordability.
- At the same time, cite specifics, including our resources on CT169Strong.org!

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- Be civil and assume that people who have different views are expressing those views in good faith.
- Point readers to our [website](#) to learn more about the concepts in the bills, the fair share calculator, etc.