Dear (NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE),

I oppose the legislation proposed in SB 349/HB 401, as this is of great concern to me as a citizen of the Town of Fairview.

The provisions within this legislation would severely diminish or even eliminate the ability of my local government to determine what is best for our town or do away with community input or involvement in the decision-making process.

Our town officials were elected by us, the citizens who call this home for a reason, to protect and preserve the quality of life that we have come to enjoy.

A one-size fits all approach to land use is radical, reckless and irrational – a blatant attack on local land use decision-making.

By lumping all cities and towns under one statewide zoning mandate and eliminate the single-family zoning designation and allow multi-family housing in every neighborhood with no minimum parking requirements in place to ensure adequate parking for all is not prudent or wise. Increased housing does not guarantee more affordable housing nor does this legislation.

Because of the efforts put forth by a town’s local elected officials, residents can enjoy a safe, secure, clean and well-kept environment with plenty of amenities, along with good quality of life, while preserving landowner’s rights. Our town has a proven zoning process, town staff that utilizes this process and a Planning Board and Board of Adjustment as additional oversight.

As a citizen of the Town of Fairview*,* I urge you to oppose this legislation to extinguish local authority when it comes to determining how growth and development should proceed.

Sincerely,