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This is what you can do to help get towns with over 70 percent watershed protected from high-density development.

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You can email each member directly and you can submit your opinion via the public testimony link below. We suggest you do both.

Here is the link to submit Public Testimony:

https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/CGATestimonySub/CGAtestimonysubmission.aspx?comm_code=hsg

The public testimony link will prompt you for your name, the public hearing date, the bill number (877), whether you support it or not and your testimony. There are two upcoming public hearing dates 2/21/23 and 2/23/23. Neither of the bills being heard at those dates appear to have anything to do with Affordable Housing. Still, we suggest you submit testimony that says something like the following:

“Hello, I am a registered Democrat/Republican and live _____. We are a watershed town. I urge you to add the substance of bill #877 introduced by State Senator Tony Hwang as an amendment to any housing bill or any 830-g bill

concept that is raised by the Committee this session. “

“It is a vital public interest that towns with over 70% of their land that is watershed be exempted from the provisions of 830-G since this law leads to increased high density housing and these watershed towns supply the bulk of the water to their respective areas. Allowing developers to use 8-30G to force high density development into these 14 watershed towns by breaking our zoning which was designed to protect the water would put the regional water supply at risk. Please add the simple commonsense language of bill 877 as an amendment to any housing bills coming out of your committee to be voted on by the General Assembly.”

You can email the same message to the members of the housing committee directly. We will also be posting other form letters for you to consider sending soon.