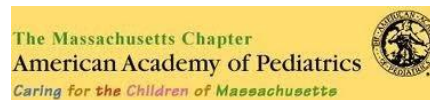
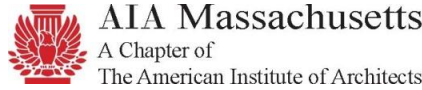


# We support zoning reform: S.2144



January 1, 2016

As advocates for smart growth, sound planning, and public health, we ask for your assistance in advancing S 2144, an Act Promoting the Planning and Development of Sustainable Communities. Sponsored by Senator Wolf and Representative Kulik, this important legislation seeks to update our antiquated planning and zoning laws in order to encourage new jobs and housing, strong community planning and public health, and natural resource protection. These common sense reforms are important for maintaining a vibrant and competitive Commonwealth.

The legislation takes a balanced approach that introduces more certainty and predictability for developers and property owners, while also granting cities and towns the tools necessary to shape the future of their communities. It includes incentives intended to produce better regional land use outcomes – jobs and homes in places where people already live and work.

Our organizations support this legislation as the framework for zoning reform. We respectfully request your support for S 2144.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs  
Allston Brighton CDC  
Allston Brighton Health Collaborative  
American Academy of Pediatrics-MA Chapter  
American Farmland Trust  
American Heart/American Stroke Association  
American Planning Association, Massachusetts Chapter  
American Institute of Architects, Massachusetts Chapter  
Association to Preserve Cape Cod  
Be Well Berkshires  
Bedford Planning Board  
Belchertown Planning Board  
BOLD Teens/Codman Square Neighborhood Council  
Boston Alliance for Community Health  
Boston Public Health Commission  
Brewster Planning Board  
Cape Cod Business Roundtable  
Charles River Watershed Association  
Citizens' Housing and Planning Association  
Conservation Law Foundation  
Congress for the New Urbanism  
Environmental League of Massachusetts  
Fun 'N FITchburg  
Holyoke Food & Fitness Policy Council/  
Greater Holyoke YMCA  
Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions

Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging  
Massachusetts Association of Health Boards  
Massachusetts Association of Planning Directors  
Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies  
Massachusetts Municipal Lawyers Association  
Massachusetts Public Health Association  
Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance  
Mattapan Food & Fitness Coalition  
Merrimack Valley Planning Commission  
Metropolitan Area Planning Council  
MetroWest Moves  
Mill City Grows  
Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission  
Nantucket Planning Board  
Nantucket Zoning Board  
Old Colony Planning Council  
Partners for a Healthier Community/Live Well Springfield  
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission  
Pioneering Healthier Communities/Old Colony YMCA  
Plymouth Planning Board  
Preservation of Affordable Housing  
Somerville Community Corporation  
Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District  
The Nature Conservancy  
Transportation for Massachusetts

The Trustees of Reservations  
United Neighbors of Fall River  
Voices for a Healthy Southcoast  
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