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Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of Town Manager Richard Johnson, attached is a letter to be submitted as written testimony during the public comment period regarding the State Building Code as relates to windows in bedrooms in residential structures.

Thank you,
Sue

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written on behalf of the Glastonbury Town Council to present formal testimony as part of the process to update the State Building Code. Specifically, concerning windows in residential bedrooms. The Glastonbury Council (Zoning Authority) recently heard a proposal to convert a former warehouse building to 30 residential condominium units. The project did not initially include windows in bedrooms and was modified to provide a transom-like window in bedrooms as possible. This process created a concern on the part of the Council and residents that the Building Code would currently allow for bedroom spaces to be windowless. The concerns related to safety of inhabitants in the event of fire or other emergency limiting the occupant's ability to exit the bedroom.

The suggestion was to amend the Code to require a window along exterior walls or, if interior, facing directly to the exterior of the structure. As part of the current process to review and update the State Building Code, I was asked to forward these comments for consideration as part of that process.

Many thanks for considering the preceding. Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

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