

To Whom It May Concern,

As a member of the Ashford Conservation Commission and as a longtime Land Steward for Joshua's Trust, I am writing to let you know I am opposed to the transfer of funds section of HB6357 from the CIA Fund to the Healthy Foods Initiative.

The healthy Food Initiative should instead be funded under the Department Of Education Budget. **Removing funds from the CIA for this purpose will negatively impact open space, farmland preservation, affordable housing projects and historic properties. Please do not allow the CIA fund to be used for this purpose!**

Thank you.

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In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks. - John Muir