

Dear Members of the Planning and Development Committee,

My name is James Root. I live in Danbury. I support SB 6926 AN ACT PERMITTING MUNICIPALITIES TO IMPOSE A BUYER'S FEE ON THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY. In Danbury, I have observed a constant struggle to preserve open land, an effort which has to be a priority in any CT town or city-for quality of life issues and to preserve farmland for future generations. Sadly, the state, as reported by the Audubon Society, is falling behind in its open space goals.

In consideration of this state of affairs, and acknowledging the difficult fiscal environment across the state, a real estate conveyance task, fairly and competently developed and administered by the municipality, seems like something CT towns and cities should have, at least, as an option. Indeed, with other demands now being discussed in the proposed state budget, in regards to municipal funding, I think SB6926 is a must. It is only fair in light of the budget changes being discussed. I hope you will vote to advance it to the next level.

Best,  
James Root