

I write in support of HB 6926 to permit a new funding source for municipal land conservation.

I have personally spent the last 25 years as a volunteer member of a land trust, working to preserve valuable agricultural land and watershed areas. Consequently, I know how difficult it is to raise private funds for the purchase of this kind of land. Allowing towns to collect a small fee on real estate transfers is an effective way of leveraging private donations.

I ask that you lend your support to this forward-looking legislation.

Sincerely,

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