

Dear Senator Cohen, Representative Borer, and members of the Environment Committee,

As a member of the Guilford Conservation Commission, I write to ask that you support HB 6441, which provides municipalities with an optional means to conserve lands within their boundaries so that they may provide recreational opportunities or fund climate adaptation and resilience projects.

I am grateful to live in a town where both the town and the Guilford Land Conservation Trust have aggressively pursued opportunities to conserve land, and I am sure this tool will be employed to add to my town's conserved lands. With sea level rise on the horizon, the opportunities for climate adaptation and resilience projects is also particularly important to this shoreline community.

Sincerely,

Janet Ainsworth, Chair
Guilford Conservation Commission