

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

I write to urge you and your committee to support HB6441. Section 3 of this bill, a limited buyer's conveyance fee program, will provide opportunities for our local communities to fund environmental projects, so important to all of us as climate change becomes a larger and larger concern.

The towns on the shoreline are especially aware of the changes ahead of us. We recognize the need to protect our vulnerable ecosystems from the harm climate change may cause. This voluntary program would give our towns the revenue for climate adaptation, resilience, and many other environmental projects.

As a real estate agent for over twenty years in the town of Branford, I recognize how important the environment of our town is to new home buyers as well as long term residents. People truly appreciate our open spaces, parks, miles of walking trails and the natural beauty and healthy recreation they provide.

In conclusion, I ask that the Committee give our towns the option to fund many important environmental efforts.

Sincerely,

Chris Collins
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