

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

I'm writing to ask that you support HB 6441 which provides municipalities with tools to fund climate adaptation and resilience projects, following the recommendations of the Governor's Council on Climate Change.

I especially support Section 3 of the bill which provides municipalities with an option to establish a buyer's conveyance fee to fund land stewardship, climate resilience, and other environmental projects in our community. In CT we have extraordinary opportunities to build on a fantastic history of citizen engagement with conservation, and we need to make it possible for our urban communities in particular to do all they can in this crisis of climate change. And I very much like that adoption of the program by towns is optional, and that it costs the state nothing.

Please support HB 6441 and give our community the opportunity to decide whether to establish this funding program.

With every good wish for your important work,

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