

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

I'm writing in support HB 6441 because it will enable Connecticut towns and cities to fund projects necessary for climate adaptation and resilience. The bill embodies recommendations made by Governor's Council on Climate Change.

In particular, I support **Section 3** because it authorizes communities to establish a buyer's conveyance fee that would provide much needed money for land stewardship and to meet other environmental needs communities may have. This is not a mandate, but rather allows municipalities to make their own decisions. There is no state cost.

The wild popularity of our natural open spaces during the pandemic makes it clear that funds to buy and care for conservation lands are important to the health and wellbeing of Connecticut's people.

Please support HB 6441, especially Section 3, and allow municipalities a chance to fund critical environmental projects

Yours truly,  
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