

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

I'm writing to ask you to 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 my town (Bolton) the budget is always so tight that no funds are set aside in the budget to acquire open space. The buyer's conveyance fee would help build a fund to use to acquire open space, especially working farmland that is at risk and dwindling in Connecticut.

Adoption of the program by towns is optional, and it costs the state nothing.

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

Sincerely,

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Bolton

