

To: Honored Co-Chairs Sen. Cohen and Rep. Gresko and distinguished members of the Environment Committee

I am in support of HB 6441, legislation that will provide new tools to our towns and cities of Connecticut to fight climate change.

Giving municipalities an option to establish a buyer's conveyance fee to fund land stewardship, climate resilience, and other environmental projects in our communities will give voice to common people across the nutmeg state. It will bring Connecticut into a leadership position in New England in supporting local projects to conserve open space, combat invasive species in lakes, test for brownfield remediation, promote urban parks, create woodland trails, and match state and federal grants.

Governor Lamont has strongly endorsed local action to provide the impetus for climate change. This Act - HB 6441, will do that.

Regards,

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