



March 7, 2021

Dear Environmental Chairs and Distinguished Members of the Committee:

I am writing in SUPPORT of HB 6441, AN ACT CONCERNING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION.

As a resident of Windsor, I have worked to help the town see the urgency of the changing climate and take action to mitigate and adapt to those changes.

The funds generated from this legislation can support local projects such as conserving open space, combatting invasive species, testing for brownfield remediation, stewardship of urban parks, creating woodland trails, and many other environmental projects. Whether it's better drainage systems for increasing precipitation, more resilient electric grids or microgrids, we need to prepare for the oncoming changes that have been predicted and are being felt right now.

Adoption of the program by towns is optional, and at no expense to Connecticut. Municipalities can choose what is best for them and their residents. Importantly, this would not impact the municipal mill rate or require further local bonding.

Passage of this bill will ultimately benefit Windsor and the entire state, and is an important tool for towns to use in addressing the changing climate.

Thank you for your consideration of this important bill.

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