

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

I am asking for YOUR SUPPORT for HB 6441, an act that would allow my community TO CHOOSE to utilize the tools with which to fund climate adaptation and resilience projects, as outlined in the Governor's Council on Climate Change.

My community of East Hampton contains numerous geographic features, Lake Pocotopogue, Salmon River, Connecticut River, Meshomoc State Forest, Salmon River State Forest and Hurd State Park as well as our Conservation Showcase and open space properties, that are crucial to maintaining our ability to adapt to climate change. HB 6441, in particular, section 3, allows my community the option to establish a buyer's conveyance fee to fund land stewardship, climate resistance and other needed environmental projects.

Thank you for considering my testimony, I anxiously await your decision.

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