

Environment Committee Testimony, HB 6441 March 8 2021

Thank you for this opportunity to express my strong support for Governor's Bill 6441: AN ACT CONCERNING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION.

It is vitally important that we take bold and urgent actions to better adapt to climate change and to protect our environment. I support the Bill's provisions to fund and organize those types of actions.

The provisions to provide funding to local municipalities is very important. Meriden includes 24 square miles with well-preserved geological features, over 3,000 acres of municipally owned park space and 74 different recreational areas. Meriden needs sources of funding to protect, maintain and enhance our natural environment.

We also rely on the State and our neighboring Towns to protect, maintain and enhance the environment we all share. HB 6441 offers important tools to accomplish that.

Empowering municipalities to levy a conveyance fee to help fund environmental action is a good idea and is used successfully in other places.

Please support HB6441 to promote climate adaptation and environmental action.

I appreciate this opportunity to support "AN ACT CONCERNING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION."

Thank you

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