

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

I'm writing to ask that you 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 of New Haven, we could use these funds to support local projects including: increasing access to city parks, park stewardship, and improving the tree cover in many of the city neighborhoods. Additionally, these funds could help cover the expenses involved in mitigating the effects of sea level rise in New Haven Harbor and along the three tidal rivers in the city.

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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