

March 5, 2021

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 Wolcott, we could use these funds to support the acquisition and maintenance of open space lands.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Tella".

Thomas Tella, Wolcott Land Conservation Trust
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