

Dear Environment Committee, Connecticut General Assembly,

House Bill No. 6441 offers a range of climate adaptation solutions to help our cities and towns, following the recommendations of the Governor's Council on Climate Change (GC3). I ask that you SUPPORT House Bill No. 6441 and the adaptation solutions included in it.

I especially support a provision of HB 6441 known as the Municipal Option (Section 3). This voluntary program would authorize a local buyer's conveyance fee to give municipalities an option to generate their own revenue for land stewardship, climate adaptation, resilience, and other community environmental projects, such as urban forestry and tree planting.

The conservation of migratory birds, many of which are experiencing serious population declines, requires the protection of a network of stop-over sites all along their migratory pathway. HB 6441 will provide municipalities with more tools to protect people and ecosystems that support birds.

As an Audubon Connecticut member, I know that where birds thrive, people prosper.

Sincerely,

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