

Dear Representative Carney and Environmental Committee,

I serve on the board of the CT Land Conservation Council, the Old Lyme Open Space Commission, volunteer with Old Lyme Land Trust and review environmental grants with the Community Foundation of Eastern CT.

I strongly believe land conservation embodies the best value and future that we must preserve . Open space offers opportunities to enrich all our constituents, providing recreation and health benefits contributing to and extending social justice and equity.

I respectfully seek your support of 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 our town, we could use these funds to support local programs, land acquisition, wildlife protection, addressing invasive species, and increase our trails and access.

Please support HB 6441 and give our community opportunity to apply this funding to programs dedicated to nature conservation.

Sincerely,

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