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Re: HB 6441
THE GOVERNOR'S ACT CONCERNING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

To Honored Chairs Sen. Cohen and Rep. Borer and Distinguished Members of the Environment Committee,

I support HB 6441: The Governor's Act Concerning Climate Change Adaptation to allow for new options for local funding to adapt to climate change.

My name is Sara Holmes and I am a licensed architect working and living in Chester with my husband and 7-year-old son. I grew up in Connecticut and I have a strong bond with its landscape, environment, and resources.

The bill includes several proposals which provide municipalities with funding tools to better respond to the impacts of climate change. In particular, Section 3 of the bill enables a Municipal Funding Option -- giving communities the opportunity to establish a limited buyer's conveyance fee program to generate revenue for land stewardship, climate adaptation, resilience, and other local environmental projects including urban forestry, invasive species control, and tree planting.

Connecticut must address the climate crisis by taking every measure possible to meet climate goals. We must meet our state's greenhouse gas reduction mandate under the Global Warming Solutions Act and meet Governor Lamont's Executive Order for 100% zero-carbon electricity by 2040.

Please vote in support of this bill. Municipalities need a sustainable source of revenue for land conservation and stewardship, and to address climate change at the local level that would not impact the municipal mill rate or require additional local bonding.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my views with you today. And thank you for the work you do on behalf of Connecticut's residents.

Sincerely,
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