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*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 Stonington, C, we could use new funds to support local projects including: structural improvements to breakwaters and additional mitigation efforts; planning and implementation assistance to bury electric cables especially in flood zones; and, to assist with infrastructure issues such as low-lying roads and bridges. In addition, I would like to see the state and the Town of Stonington begin to work with Eversource to improve and alter the power grid structure to anticipate storm and flooding so that we would not suffer from major power outages for long periods. I would also like to seek funding to assist the Town's zoning commission to make sound decisions about where to place mixed income housing, so as to protect the residents of new housing from flooding and storm damage. Finally, found funds might be used to create a better solar electric grid system and more charging stations for electric cars.*

*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,*

*Sharon J. Lynch, PhD  
Member of the Stonington Climate Change Task Force  
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