

Re: HB 6441

3/6/21

*Dear Senator Cohen, Representative Borer, and members of the Environment Committee,*

*Please support HB 6441 which provides municipalities with tools to fund climate adaptation and resilience projects. For example, Section 3 of the bill gives municipalities an option to establish a buyer's conveyance fee to fund land stewardship, climate resilience, and other environmental projects in our community.*

*In Branford, these funds could be utilized by several commissions and committees, eg, the Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee and the Conservation and Forest Commissions, to preserve land for native tree planting with trees that are high carbon sinks, such as oaks but also benefit our markedly decreasing insects, birds and other wildlife.*

*Please support HB 6441!*

*Sincerely,*

*Shirley McCarthy, MD, PhD*

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*Branford Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee and Community Forest Commission*