

Testimony of Karen Peterson Mehra Support of
HB 6441 An Act Concerning Climate Change Adaptation

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

Please support HB 6441. I feel very strongly about the importance of HB 6441, which lets local towns and communities have the opportunity to raise fees to help protect precious local environmental treasures. Locals know what is locally important. Right now they don't have many ways of working to save those precious and rapidly disappearing precious gems of the environment. This legislation would make it possible to protect and support, steward, and save precious environmental projects that will combat climate change and protect our ecosystems.

I especially hope you will support Section 3 of this legislation. In Greenwich, we could use this funding to protect local forests, stream beds, Todd's Point conservation efforts. And it won't cost the State of Connecticut ANYTHING AT ALL. This money would be locally raised at local discretion.

Personally, I devote myself to protecting environmentally important projects. I am on the board of CLCC (Connecticut Land Conservation Council), and The Nature Conservancy of Connecticut. These truly marvelous organizations spend their precious time and resources to find ways to protect our natural environments here in Connecticut. We feel that this legislation will make a real difference in that good work.

I want to save the natural world, not only for the pleasure and health of my children and their children, but for the future of our species on the planet. This legislation is one way to take a step in that direction.

Hopefully,

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