

Environment Committee Testimony, HB 6441 March 8 2021

I thank you for the opportunity to speak to you about my strong support for Governor's Bill 6441: AN ACT CONCERNING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION.

The effects of climate change are clear in the increase of mega storms, flooding, and strong winds we as a nation are facing. I support the Bill's provisions to fund and organize those types of actions that will protect us and our precious environment at the local level where we can have the most impact.

Meriden needs a source of funding to protect, maintain and enhance our natural environment and this bill can provide just that. Meriden includes 24 square miles with well-preserved geological features, over 3,000 acres of municipally owned park space and 74 different recreational areas.

Each municipality in the state of Connecticut relies on the rest of the state to protect, maintain, and enhance the environment we all share. HB 6441 offers important tools for all municipalities in Connecticut with a way to accomplish this.

Providing municipalities with the ability to levy a conveyance fee to help fund environmental action could prove useful as it has been done successfully in other states. Connecticut should analysis how these other states have utilized this fee to maximize the success of this program.

Please support HB6441 to promote climate adaptation and environmental action.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to express my strong support for "AN ACT CONCERNING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION."

Thank you

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