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Environment Committee Testimony, HB 6441

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, 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 Hebron, we could use these funds to support local projects including updating the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development, acquiring high-priority property to protect watersheds, create links among trails and parks to protect migratory corridors, control invasive species, and increase public access to public lands.

Adoption of the program by towns is optional, and it costs the state nothing.

Please support HB 6441 and give Hebron and other communities the opportunity to decide whether to establish this funding program.

Sincerely,

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