

March 7, 2021

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 Monroe, we could use these funds to support local projects including protecting the Pequonnock River which runs through the town. We would use funds to monitor water quality and add plantings to filter runoff and cool the water to better support wildlife.

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,

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