

Testimony to Environment Committee

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 Middletown, we could use these funds to support local projects including: land stewardship, tree planting, and projects sensitive to the Connecticut River (and the entire ecosystem) which continually floods especially in the Harbor Park area. Climate change is not something we can opt out of.

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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