



April 12, 2016

Dear Representative,

As the legislative session nears its end, our conservation organizations respectfully request that you ask House leadership to move three priority bills currently before the House of Representatives. Our organizations strongly support the following bills that would enhance public safety, avoid costs for municipalities and conserve land and water resources.

- **An Act Providing for the Establishment of a Comprehensive Adaptation Management Plan in Response to Climate Change (CAMP)** included in **S2121** (An Act relative to 2030 and 2040 emissions benchmarks) would require the Commonwealth to establish an action plan to prepare Massachusetts for the impacts of climate change, such as extreme storms and excessive heat, accelerated sea-level rise and flooding. Without a plan we risk lives, public health, the economy, infrastructure, transportation networks, energy supply and coastal resources. (Status: House Committee on Ways and Means)
- **An Act Relative to Land Conservation Incentives H3771** would raise the annual cap of the Conservation Land tax Credit Program from \$2 million to \$5 million annually (a combined total of credits for individuals and corporations) and would allow smaller land trusts to be eligible for the credit. (Status: House Committee on Ways and Means)

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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