Sample call script and email that you can send your State Representative or Senator to support the budget language for the Conservation Land Tax Credit program. Feel free to augment it with the additional information in the <u>fact sheet</u> or a story about a landowner you worked with who has been able to take advantage of, or is on the waitlist for, the tax credit.

As part of a [land conservation organization] in your district, I am contacting you to respectfully urge you to contact the FY23 State Operating Budget Conference Committee in support of raising the annual cap for the Conservation Land Tax Credit (CLTC) incentive program in the FY23 state operating budget, as in Outside Sections 25A-25J and 72A-72D of the House budget (House Amendment #76).

This language would increase the program's annual cap from \$2 million to \$5 million over three years, eliminating the backlog of this successful program and enabling our organization to collaborate with private landowners to conserve land for farming, forestry, wildlife, and clean water. The CLTC is also a critical tool for meeting the Commonwealth's climate goals, as conserving our natural and working lands ensures that they will continue to sequester and store carbon in perpetuity.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Your Name and Org/Group [Give your home address or organizational address, whichever is in the legislator's district]