

Dear Senator _____:

As part of **[land conservation organization]** in your district, I am contacting you to ask that you please make raising the annual cap on the Conservation Land Tax Credit incentive program a priority in your budget discussions with Senate Ways and Means. We also hope that you will support raising the cap either through the stand alone bill (H.4465, currently in House Ways and Means) or through a budget amendment.

The Conservation Land Tax Credit has led to the conservation of over 12,600 acres of land with significant conservation value across the state. **[note if your land trust has used the program and why it has been important for your work]**. However, the demand for the program is so great that projects in the pipeline are having to wait until 2022 at the earliest due to the \$2 million annual cap. Increasing the annual cap incrementally over three years would eliminate the backlog of this successful program and enable our organization to collaborate with private landowners to conserve more land for farming, forestry, wildlife and clean water.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Your Name and Org/Group [Give your home address or org address, whichever is in their district]