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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB3016

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Bobby Levy and Emerson Levy, and members of the Committee.

I am writing to express my strong support for HB3016, which establishes a Community Green Infrastructure Grant Program, a Community Green Infrastructure Fund, and a Community Green Infrastructure Task Force. This bill is critical to addressing the pressing issues of climate change, urban development, and environmental degradation in our district.

I have seen firsthand the devastating impacts of climate change and the destruction of natural resources. The establishment of a Community Green Infrastructure Grant Program and Fund will provide the necessary resources to support community-based solutions to these issues, including the development of green spaces, the restoration of degraded lands, and the protection of our natural resources.

Additionally, the establishment of a Community Green Infrastructure Task Force will provide a forum for stakeholders to collaborate and develop innovative solutions to address the complex challenges of climate change and urban development. The inclusion of the State Forestry Department in this effort is also crucial, as it will ensure that the proper tools and resources are available to assess and maintain our urban tree canopy, which is a critical component of our natural infrastructure.

I am encouraged by the inclusion of the emerald ash borer assistance program, which will help to prevent the spread of this destructive invasive species and protect our forests from further damage.

For all these reasons, I urge you to support HB3016 and help us build a more resilient and sustainable future for our community and our state.