



**Testimony**

of the

**Connecticut Conference of Municipalities**

to the

**Judiciary Committee**

February 27, 2006

The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities appreciates the opportunity to testify on the following bill of interest to towns and cities:

**R.B. 5464, “An Act Concerning Arrest Powers of Local Police”**

R.B. 5464 would allow sworn police officers to make warrantless arrests outside their jurisdictions when “on duty.” Current law delegates such authority to police officers if the offense is a felony.

R.B. 5464 is consistent with case law and would enhance regional policing efforts by allowing full powers to local on duty police officers to combat crime that transcends municipal boundaries.

CCM supports Raised Bill 5464 as an effective means to ensure the safety of Connecticut’s communities however, CCM asks the committee to include language that explicitly states that such officers are “in uniform” in addition to being on duty – in order to address opponents’ concerns of potential misuse of power.

CCM urges you to (1) include the stipulation that police officers must be in uniform, and (2) then favorably report R.B. 5464.

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If you have any questions, please call Ron Thomas or Bob Labanara at (203) 498-3000.