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TESTIMONY

of the

CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

to the

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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

H.B. 5780, "An Act Concerning Safe Schools"

CCM opposes Section 4 of this bill because it is an unfunded state mandate.

H.B. 5780 would, among other things, require towns and cities to post a sign on "each traffic sign that indicates the presence of a public or private elementary or secondary school" stating that it is a drug-free zone and that the sale of drugs within 200 feet of such schools carries a mandatory prison sentence.

The bill does not provide municipalities with the signs, nor reimburses them for the costs associated with posting signs at such schools.

CCM urges the Committee to delete section 4 of H.B. 5780 or provide municipalities with the funds to implement it.

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