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TO THE

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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#### **CCM opposes Raised House Bill 7350 - "An Act Concerning the Prevention of Childhood Obesity"**

CCM appreciates the intent behind this proposal, which **would require local and regional boards of education to assess the body mass index of each child in grade six.** However, we are concerned about the fiscal impact it may have on towns and cities.

This new assessment requirement will come at a cost and CCM urges the committee to provide the funding associated with the tests and administration of the mandate.

Towns and cities are aware of, and concerned about, the epidemic of childhood obesity. Indeed, CCM has just completed a year-long initiative with the Connecticut Commission on Children to (1) orient municipal officials to the problem of childhood obesity and (2) provide methods by which communities can begin to address the problem.

Towns and cities want to be partners with the State to reduce the incidence of childhood obesity, but need the financial wherewithal to carry out needed projects.

CCM urges the Committee to obtain a fiscal note on this proposal before taking any action.

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