



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:

- C.B. 903, "An Act Concerning Lost or Stolen Firearms"**
- C.B. 6901, "An Act to Fight Crime Arising From Lost or Stolen Firearms"**
- R.B. 7383, "An Act Concerning Persistent Firearms Offenders"**

CCM supports these bills.

The bills before you would provide towns and cities with some of the tools needed to combat the escalating violence in communities, particularly, our urban areas.

We all have read newspaper articles and seen TV accounts of the increase in crime in our larger municipalities. C.B. 903, C.B. 6901, and R.B. 7383, coupled with afterschool, job training, year-round employment and other such programs, will help municipalities curb youth violence.

CCM urges you to favorably report these bills.

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