



TESTIMONY

of the

CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

to the

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

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

CCM supports **R.B. 5789 “An Act Concerning Municipal Aggregation”**.

This bill would specifically allow municipalities, single or in groups, to aggregate purchases of electricity on behalf of the residents and businesses within their boundaries.

This far-sighted bill would put local governments in a position in which they can use the purchasing power of a larger group to get lower prices. It would allow towns and cities, if they choose, to take advantage of the deregulation laws passed a decade ago.

Municipal aggregation has been proven successful in other states. In Massachusetts, for example, the municipalities in the “Cape Light Compact” have garnered better rates than they otherwise would have without aggregation.

CCM urges the committee to favorably report **R.B. 5789**.

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