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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:

R.B. 602, "An Act Concerning the Collection of Delinquent Property Taxes on Motor Vehicles"

CCM understands the intent of this proposal. However, Section 2 of the bill -- which would prohibit municipalities from collecting delinquent taxes on motor vehicles after 6 years -- would severely and unnecessarily restrict towns' and cities' ability to collect necessary revenue. Section 2 rewards persons for not paying taxes in a timely manner: it invites scaffolds to simply hold-off paying their taxes for 6 years, then they're scott-free.

The section discourages law-abiding taxpayers from paying their taxes – after all, why should they pay their taxes when there's no real penalty for scaffolds?

CCM urges the Committee to delete Section 2 of the bill.

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If you have any questions, please call Ron Thomas, CCM's Manager of State and Federal Relations, or Gian-Carl Casa, CCM Director of Legislative Services, at (203) 498-3000.