



**TESTIMONY**

of the

**CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES**

to the

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

March 3, 2008

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

**C.B. 5290, “An Act Increasing the State Grant in Lieu of Taxes of Correctional Facilities”**

CCM supports this bill.

The bill would increase, from 100% to 120%, the amount of payment-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOT) a community hosting a correctional facility would receive.

This bill would help ensure that communities will be accepting of prison facilities – especially considering the move afoot to build more prisons.

CCM urges the Committee to support this 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.