



## TESTIMONY

of the

## CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

to the

## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

February 25, 2008

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

**Prop. H.B. 5293,**

**“An Act Concerning Payments in Lieu of Taxes for Nonprofit Organizations”**

CCM supports this bill.

This bill would lessen the financial burden on municipalities that have tax revenue loss due to property owned by nonprofit social service agencies.

CCM urges the Committee to provide meaningful financial assistance to encourage towns and cities to continue maintaining nonprofit human service organizations within the municipality.

At present, a relatively small number of municipalities house a disproportionate amount of the social services for Connecticut’s citizens. It is only fair that they can be compensated by the state for the mandated tax exemptions they also provide.

CCM urges the committee to *support* this bill.

Thank you.

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