



**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:

**R.B. 5715, "An Act Concerning Abatement of Public Nuisances by Municipalities"**

CCM supports this bill.

This bill would, among other things, grant towns and cities the authority to abate public nuisances in situations where there has been illegal and highly problematic activity.

H.B. 5715 would be of assistance to towns and cities in combating violence and troubling behavior, making communities safer.

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.