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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. 5640, "An Act Concerning Zoning Enforcement"

CCM supports this bill.

R.B. 5640 would provide for more creative land use practices by eliminating the penalty of treble damages against zoning enforcement officers for frivolous or without probable cause citations.

This bill would make state statutes consistent with those concerning inland wetlands and watercourse procedures. No other public official is singled out for such punitive actions.

CCM urges the committee to favorably report 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.