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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. 442, "An Act Concerning Authority of Board of Selectmen and the Value of Property Necessary for Eligibility to Vote"

CCM opposes this bill.

R.B. 442 would permit town meetings to handle certain municipal administration issues now managed by the board of selectmen.

The bill proposes changes in 14 statutes on programs ranging from the Municipal Bond Refunding Trust Act to plans of conservation and development to a variety of property tax abatements. See over for listing.

Current statutes have been designed to streamline municipal operations and should be allowed to continue.

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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.

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R.B. 7321	CGS	Authority
Section 1	CGS 3-76c	Municipal Bond Refunding Trust Act
Section 2	CGS 7-129a	Park and Recreation Capital and Nonrecurring Expense Fund
Section 3	CGS 7-18ee	Establishment of corporation to manufacture, distribute, purchase or sell electricity, gas or water
Section 4	CGS 8-23	Preparation, amendment or adoption of plan of conservation and development
Section 5	CGS 8-336f	Connecticut housing partnership program. Initial designation.
Section 6	CGS 12-62l	Option to not implement revaluation for 2003, 2004 and 2005 assessment years
Section 7	CGS 12-81r	Municipal option to abate or forgive taxes on contaminated real property undergoing remediation
Section 8	CGS 12-81q	Municipal option to abate property taxes on infrastructure of certain water companies
Section 9	CGS 12-81t	Municipal option to abate property taxes on information technology personal property
Section 10	CGS 12-81u	Municipal option to abate property taxes on property of certain communications establishments
Section 11	CGS 12-81v	Municipal option to abate taxes on property of electric cooperatives
Section 12	CGS 12-81y	Municipal option to abate property taxes on school buses
Section 13	CGS 19a-175	Emergency medical service system