



TESTIMONY
of the
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local governments - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

CCM opposes Proposed Senate Bill 567 "*An Act Limiting Liability for Environmental Permit Violation.*".

The current language of this bill would create a large loop hole providing individuals with an exemption from liability for actions they take on a project that are in violation of a permit - and then places such liability on the permittee.

This could create a huge problem by which individuals, of their own accord, violate permits without any repercussions and leave the permittee with all of the legal ramifications.

Individuals performing work for a Permittee need to be responsible for their own actions.

CCM urges the committee to take no action on this bill.

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