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**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.

***Raised Senate Bill 1021 "An Act Concerning Notification and Remediation of Contaminants in Drinking Water".***

This bill would require the notification of municipal local officials in the event that the Department of Public Health finds a contaminant in the public water supply of such town or city, that exceeds standards prescribed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the municipality would then be required to take certain action.

It is certainly important that municipal officials quickly be aware of a contaminant in the local water supply and that action be taken to remedy the situation. Contamination can come from a wide-range of sources and short of such contamination being the fault of the municipality itself, remediation should be a joint state-local effort and adequate authority be given to both to recoup costs associated with the clean-up from the responsible party. Such responsibility should not be the sole burden of the municipality, especially when public water supplies generally feed a region.

CCM urges the committee to **incorporate state responsibility and the authority for state and local government to hold the responsible party(s) accountable.**

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