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CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

to the

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities 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 testify before this joint committee in support of the following bill of interest to towns and cities:

S.B. 966, "An Act Prohibit Blocking the Box"

S.B. 966 would prohibit motor vehicle drivers from "blocking the box" at intersections, and allow for imposition of fines for such traffic violations.

The intent behind "block the box" is to increase public safety (for pedestrians, as well as drivers) and reduce traffic congestion.

The "block the box" concept is usually used at busy intersections of cities and towns, and has been very successful in places as diverse as New York City and Miami-Dade County (Florida).

CCM urges the Committee to favorably report S.B. 966, a useful tool to communities to protect pedestrians and reduce gridlock.

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