



TESTIMONY
OF THE
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
TO THE
PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY 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 testify before this joint committee on issues of concern to towns and cities.

Raised Bill 6055 "An Act Requiring the Regionalization of Public Safety Answering Points"

Raised Bill 6055 would mandate the consolidation of municipal public safety answering points into regional public safety answering points (PSAPs).

Local law enforcement officials rely on a certain degree of flexibility to (a) ensure the safety of their own communities, and (b) address the unique demands and concerns of their citizens. **CCM appreciates the intent of this bill -- however, we have concerns about Raised Bill 6055 as a new, unfunded state mandate on municipalities.** Local officials should be allowed the discretion to determine which PSAPs would work best for their communities – either operated locally or regionally.

Therefore, CCM urges the committee to amend Raised Bill 6055 to (1) protect towns' local option to determine how best to manage their public safety calls, and to provide necessary funding to encourage consideration of regional consolidation, or (2) take no action on Raised Bill 6055.



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