



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.

CCM supports Raised Bill 761 "An Act Concerning an Enhanced 9-1-1 Service Database"

Raised Bill 761 would allow towns and cities access, via their public safety answering points, to electronic copies of the most current 9-1-1 service databases (updated monthly), per a memorandum of understanding and free of charge. These updated databases are used to, among other things, enhance local emergency notification systems, commonly referred to as "Reverse 9-1-1" systems.

Eliminating burdens when accessing vital information is key to an effective and efficient emergency response. It is imperative that local first responders – the personnel usually first on the scene – are equipped, without obstacle, with the most current data regarding the citizens they vow to protect.

Raised Bill 761 is a common sense proposal to keep hometown Connecticut safe.

CCM urges the committee to favorably report Raised Bill 761.



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