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TESTIMONY
of the
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
EDUCATION 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 supports Raised Bill 6667 "An Act Concerning Voluntary Regionalization of Certain School District Services".

This bill would provide an incentive of an additional \$7 per student in ECS funds to municipalities participating in a cooperative arrangement for the purchasing of certain education services including, but not limited to, instructional supplies, testing materials, special education services, transportation services, and food or food services.

CCM has long been a proponent of providing incentives for entities to adopt new and innovative ways to operate, particularly surrounding regionalization. This bill will certainly provide such incentives.

CCM urges the committee to favorably report this bill.

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