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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 on the following bill of interest to towns and cities:

S.B. 1089, "An Act Concerning Automatic External Defibrillators"

This bill would require that boards of education develop and implement policies regarding the "availability and use" of automatic external defibrillators (AED) during high school sports activities.

In addition, school boards would be responsible, among other things, to ensure that someone trained in AED is on the premises at all times during sporting events.

CCM understands the intent behind this proposal. However, it will result in administrative and fiscal costs. We urge the Committee to make funds available to municipalities to implement this proposal.

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If you have any questions, please call Ron Thomas or Gian-Carl Casa of CCM at (203) 498-3000.