



TESTIMONY
OF THE
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
TO THE
LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES 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 714 "An Act Concerning Retaliation for Use of Paid Sick Leave"

Raised Bill 714 would mandate that local officials be prohibited from certain administrative actions with regard to employees' usage of paid sick leave.

CCM is unaware of a statewide problem that would require the General Assembly to mandate a prohibition of such employment practices. CCM is also *concerned about the impact that Raised Bill 714 could have on local collective bargaining.* As municipalities try to stay afloat amidst growing deficits – this bill would unnecessary tie the hands of those struggling to manage the bottom-line and protect local programs and services.

CCM urges you to **take no action on Raised Bill 714.**



If you have any questions, please call Bob Labanara or Ron Thomas of CCM, at (203) 498-3000