



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 6285 "An Act Concerning Fingerprint Collection"

Raised Bill 6285 would mandate that local police departments collect fingerprints of individuals regardless of where they reside.

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 the administrative burden this proposed new state mandate would have on local police departments -- particularly as local governments cope with unprecedented fiscal problems.

CCM urges the committee to take *no action* on Raised Bill 6285.



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