



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 786      "An Act Concerning the Establishment of a Training and Certification Program for Municipal Animal Control Officers"**

Raised Bill 786 would, among other things, mandate that municipal animal control officers complete certain training requirements as certified by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council.

**CCM appreciates the intent of this proposal – however, has concerns about both the administrative and fiscal impacts this new state mandate would have on local services.** This is not the time for new mandated expenses for local governments.

CCM urges the committee to take no action on Raised Bill 786.



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