



TESTIMONY

of the

CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

to the

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - 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 Senate Bill 423 "*An Act Concerning Recommendations of the Connecticut Town Clerks Concerning Disclosure and Election Laws*".

Among other things, this bill would codify that certain municipal records would not exempt from the Freedom of Information Act.

Currently there is a false sense of security by "protected" individuals that their information is not available to the public. There are many municipal records, just by the nature of them, which cannot have names and addresses removed. This bill would ensure a clear understanding of what will not be covered.

CCM urges the committee to ***favorably report*** this bill.

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