



TESTIMONY
OF THE
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
TO THE
SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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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 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to testify before this joint committee on issues of concern to towns and cities.

SB 208 "An Act Concerning Refunds for Taxes Erroneously Collected from Veterans"

This proposal would remove, in its entirety, the six year statute of limitation for towns to reimburse veterans the amount in taxes collected in error.

SB 209 "An Act Concerning the Real Estate Conveyance Tax"

This proposal would exempt surviving spouses and active serving members from the real estate conveyance tax.

SB 210 "An Act Concerning Property Tax Exemptions for One Hundred Per Cent Disabled Veterans"

This proposal would mandate that veterans classified as one hundred percent disabled be exempt from local property taxes.

SB 212 "An Act Concerning the Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption for Members of the Armed Forces"

This proposal would expand current state law and mandate that the vehicles of spouses of members of the armed forces be exempt from the motor vehicle tax, and make such exemptions applicable to assessment years on or after October 1, 2009.

It is not secret that towns and cities, along with the State, are struggling as we face historic budget challenges this year, with even more dismal economic forecasts for years to come.

CCM urges the Committee to obtain detailed fiscal analyses on the impact these well-intended proposals would have on our communities -- particularly on local programs and services -- before voting on these bills.

CCM urges the Committee to hold these proposals until further analyses are conducted.



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