



## TESTIMONY

of the

## CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

to the

## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to testify on the following bill of interest to towns and cities:

CCM supports a provision contained in **R.B. 5255, "An Act Concerning Municipal Mandate Relief"** that would require state agencies "to the extent practicable and within available appropriations" *provide a mechanism for towns to submit records electronically.*

This bill would allow towns and cities to save on costs associated with submitting required records and transactions to the State. R.B. 5255 is not a mandate on the State in that would be carried out "within available appropriations".

CCM urges the Committee to enact this common sense, cost-saving, productive and Green proposal.

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