



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

HB 5156 "An Act Concerning the Dismissal of Local Fire Marshals"

CCM supports HB 5156.

This bill would clarify existing state law to ensure that municipalities maintain the discretion to determine the employment status of their local fire marshals. Municipal leaders are elected and accountable to the voters of their community. They need managerial discretion to meet the needs of their constituents. HB 5156 would, therefore conform current local practice into Connecticut state law.

CCM urges the committee to favorably report HB 5156.



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