



TESTIMONY
of the
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY 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 about 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

CCM supports SB 1169 "*An Act Concerning Road Cuts.*"

Would (1) require public service companies to provide notice to municipal public works departments when public making road cuts and repairs and (2) put the responsibility for any follow-up repairs on such public service company or their contractor. CCM supports this proposal as an improvement to the current system.

Connecticut's municipal governments own and are responsible for over 17,000 miles of local roads. The condition of municipal roads and bridges has deteriorated over the last decade. Traffic congestion on state highways, and increased use of the local road and bridge network, has accelerated their decline. The local transportation network has had to bear an increasing traffic load maintenance costs have assumed a larger share of repair costs.

This proposal would help to alleviate some of that burden by appropriately holding on public service companies responsible for follow-up repairs if needed.

CCM supports SB 1169 and urges the committee to *favorably report* it.

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