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**Testimony Supporting Senate Bill No. 649  
AN ACT ESTABLISHING SIX SERVICE REGIONS FOR STATE AGENCIES**

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Senator Slossberg, Representative Morin, and distinguished members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on Proposed Senate Bill No. 649.

This proposed bill would provide for the establishment of six uniform service regions in an effort to improve regional collaboration between municipal governments and state agencies by establishing coterminous boundaries for state agencies.

As you know, Governor Malloy believes, and as a former mayor has learned that one of the most effective ways to deliver services effectively and efficiently is through voluntary regional collaboration. Proposed Senate Bill No. 649 seeks to realign state agency service delivery areas so that the boundaries are the same for the several Connecticut State agencies. While it is hoped that such a proposal would ultimately provide savings to the State of Connecticut, a determination of the actual costs incurred by the several agencies during the period of transition needs to be ascertained as the costs might provide an obstacle to the smooth implementation of the concepts set forth in this bill.

Further, I would hope that the state agencies would seek input from municipalities, regional planning organizations and other stake holders during the process of gathering and analyzing data prior to determining the new boundaries for these service delivery areas.

I would like to again thank the committee for the opportunity to present this testimony.