



TESTIMONY
of the
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
HOUSING 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 over 93% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

CCM supports Raised Bill 6052 "*An Act Concerning Supportive Housing.*"

R.B 6052 would establish a program to require all housing developments receiving state funding to designate a certain number of housing units for persons who are chronically homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Supportive housing is permanent, affordable housing with on-site support services to serve the needs of the most vulnerable residents, including the homeless. Supportive housing residences are owned and operated by experienced community-based organizations that maintain a high standard of property management.

CCM supports ways to provide much needed assistance to persons requiring supportive housing. This bill will work considerably toward relieving the state's homelessness problems.

CCM urges the Committee to favorably report on Raised Bill 6052.

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