



**TESTIMONY**  
of the  
**CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES**  
to the  
**JUDICIARY 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 90% of Connecticut's population.

We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

**H.B. 6489, "An Act Requiring DNA Testing of Persons Arrested for the Commission of A Serious Felony"**

This bill would mandate that law enforcement personnel conduct DNA analysis on persons arrested for "serious felonies."

CCM appreciates the intent behind this proposal. However, it appears towns and cities would have to provide DNA kits. This would impose a new unfunded state mandate on already strained local budgets.

CCM urges the Committee either (1) make sure that the State provides adequate funding to implement this proposal, or (2) take no action on H.B. 6489.

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