



**TESTIMONY**  
of the  
**CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES**  
to the  
**LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYEES 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.

**HB 6408**     **“An Act Concerning Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and the Workers’ Compensation Act”**

HB 6408 would mandate that diagnoses for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) for public safety personnel be considered compensable under the Workers’ Compensation Act.

The intent of HB 6408 has merit however, this proposal would impose a negative fiscal impact on already strained local budgets. Local officials are already struggling with instituting layoffs, concessions, and service cutbacks in the midst of this recession -- HB 6408 would then create the opportunity for additional, costly benefits on top of these existing struggles.

CCM urges the Committee to take **no action on HB 6408**.

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