



**TESTIMONY**  
of the  
**CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES**  
to the  
**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local governments - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on the following bill of interest to towns and cities:

**H.B. 5114, "An Act Authorizing Municipalities to Negotiate the Payment of Delinquent Property Taxes"**

CCM is unclear about what this proposal intends to do. Does it allow tax collectors to negotiate the payment over time of all delinquent taxes, but interest and penalties? Or does it mean being able to forgive taxes, interest and penalties?

Additional clarity is needed regarding this proposal.

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