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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. 5782, "An Act Concerning the Hotel Tax"

CCM has long supported sharing increases in state taxes with municipalities and regions.

As you are aware, Governor Malloy has proposed a budget that would increase the hotel tax by 3% and share 1/3 of the revenue with host towns and cities.

CCM supports the Governor's proposal. We see it as a foundation to build upon in the future for more revenue sharing with municipalities – and, eventually, regions.

Thank you.

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