



**TESTIMONY**  
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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. 5928, "An Act Authorizing Regional Assets Investments"**

CCM supports this bill.

H.B. 5928 would allow councils of government (COGs) and councils of elected officials (CEOs) to function as regional asset districts. COGs and councils of elected officials are the best sub-state mechanism to make decisions on a regional basis. The bill has the added incentive of encouraging regional planning organizations (RPOs) to become COGs or CEOs thus bringing in chief elected officials from a region to make decisions.

CCM urges the Committee to support this proposal.

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