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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. 6412, "An Act Concerning the Small Town Economic Assistance Program"

CCM supports this bill.

H.B. 6412 would allow State Small Town Economic Assistance (STEAP) grants to be used jointly by multiple towns, as long as the municipalities are STEAP-eligible towns.

This proposal would encourage regional cooperation and increase government efficiencies. Further, it helps revitalize rural and suburban areas, while allowing them to maintain their local character.

CCM urges you to support H.B. 6412.

Thank you.

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