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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:

S.B. 80, "An Act Concerning A Delinquent Property Tax Amnesty Program"

While the intent behind S.B. 80 may be a good one, this proposal would be highly problematic. It would penalize all those property taxpayers who paid their taxes on time, and reward people who did not pay.

This proposal demonstrates the need for comprehensive property tax reform. Through meaningful reform, property taxes would go down (or at least stabilize) and people would be in a much better position to pay their taxes.

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