



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:

S.B. 495, "An Act Concerning the Provision of Services by Regional Councils of Government"

CCM supports this bill, and urges you to amend it to clarify that Councils of Elected Officials (CEOs) are included.

Councils of Government (COGs) and CEOs are the ideal choice to undertake additional, permissive regional responsibilities.

In addition, this proposal has the added benefit of encouraging regional planning organizations to become COGs and CEOs. COGs and CEOs decision-making authority is vested in chief elected officials – people who are serve electorally.

CCM urges you to JFS this bill.

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