



**TESTIMONY**  
of the  
**CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES**  
to the  
**COMMERCE COMMITTEE**

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent about 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

**CCM supports HB 6528 "An Act Concerning Bonding for Brownfields."**

This bill would provide needed bond funds for remediating and redeveloping brownfield properties in Connecticut.

Brownfield remediation is an important part of Connecticut's efforts to 1) spur development in places where the infrastructure to support it already exists, 2) improve blighted areas, 3) limit sprawl and preserve open space in outlying areas, and 4) clean up our environment.

CCM has long supported legislative initiatives that would provide additional funds for brownfield analysis and remediation; place and keep the liability of contaminated properties with the person(s) who created the contamination; and place a greater emphasis on identifying and remediating brownfields – instead of using "greenfields" for the next building project.

This proposal would be a very wise investment that would help the State and communities reap rewards for years to come - in terms of the environment, the economy, and a better quality of life.

CCM urges the committee to support this bill and favorably report it.

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