



TESTIMONY  
of the  
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES  
to the  
ENVIRONMENT 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 over 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

**CCM supports the following bills:**

- **Raised House Bill 6503 "An Act Concerning Conservation District Funding,"** which would restore the fee-based funding mechanism for soil and water conservation districts.
- **Raised House Bill 6262 "An Act Concerning the Community Investment Account,"** which would ensure the maintenance of the current distribution of funds to support the intent and purpose of the Community Investment Act.

Both of these bills provide needed funding - *with no impact on the state budget* - to very important programs for preserving, protecting and maintaining the landscape and natural treasures of Connecticut for generations to come.

It is critical that Connecticut continue its commitment to these worthy causes and not usurp their funding.

CCM urges the committee to support these bills and favorably report them.

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