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CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES  
to the  
INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE 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 93% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

H.B. 5441

"An Act Requiring Health Insurance Coverage for Weight Loss Programs"

H.B. 5445

"An Act Concerning Prescription Drug Coverage"

These two proposed bills would mandate health insurance policies provide coverage for certain weight loss programs and that prescription drug coverage be expanded to cover prescription supplies of up to 90-days.

The state-mandated expansion of insurance coverage will increase insurance costs and thus premiums, which will eventually be borne by policy holders - municipalities to name one. This would result in increased insurance costs statewide.

While these two proposals have their merits, the bottom line is that they will increase insurance costs across the board at a time when local budgets can least afford it.

CCM urges the committee to take no action on H.B. 5441 and H.B. 5445.

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