



**TESTIMONY**  
of the  
**CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES**  
to the  
**CHILDREN'S 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 the opportunity to provide you testimony on issues of concern to towns and cities:

**H.B. 6401, "An Act Concerning Hexavalent Chromium in Drinking Water"**

CCM has concerns regarding this bill.

H.B. 6401 would require all public water systems to implement regulations regarding Hexavalent Chromium, established by the Department of Public Health. The Department is to base its regulations on recommendations established by the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Although well-intentioned, H.B. 6401 would impose a costly mandate on towns and cities.

This bill is premature. The Environmental Protection Agency already has a defined process in place to determine what should be regulated and how. Further, it is our understanding that the EPA's recommendations are based on a flawed report by the EWG.

CCM urges the Committee to establish a task force to examine this issue closely before taking any further action on this bill.

Thank you.

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