



**TESTIMONY**  
of the  
**CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES**  
to the  
**LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYEE 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.

**S.B. 23      "An Act Concerning Employees Injured Between 1993 and 2006 and Social Security Offsets Under the Workers' Compensation Act"**

*Landmark workers' compensation reforms were enacted and should be allowed to continue to work. The reforms were enacted to restore balance to the system and they have been instrumental in attracting and retaining businesses. This has allowed Connecticut to be a more competitive state in terms of its overall business climate. The existing system retains fairness and equity in servicing injured workers and it should be allowed to continue working towards that end.*

S.B. 23 would mandate additional workers' compensation benefits be awarded to certain persons injured as long ago as eighteen years. CCM is unaware of any need for such a statewide mandated policy on local governments, particularly during this historic financial crisis. Without a full fiscal analysis, it is difficult to determine just how severe a negative impact this mandate will have on limited local resources.

CCM is opposes S.B. 23 as a potentially costly state mandate at a time when taxpayers need the State's help in reducing state-mandated costs on Hometown Connecticut.

CCM urges the committee to take **no action on S.B. 23.**

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