



**TESTIMONY**  
of the  
**CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES**  
to the  
**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local governments - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on the following bill of interest to towns and cities:

**H.B. 6303, "An Act Concerning Municipal Animal Shelters"**

CCM appreciates the intent behind this proposal. However, the H.B. 6303 would require animal control officers to maintain a registry of nonprofits "that are willing to arrange for and fund the treatment by a licensed veterinarian of any impounded animal that is ill or injured." If animal control officer believes an animal is "adoptable", and if the municipality does not have "sufficient funds to pay" for treatment, the officer would be require to contact organizations on the list to provide treatment.

We are not sure of the liability exposure animal control officers may subject themselves to when determining which animals are "adoptable" and, therefore, which ones are deserving of treatment, or through maintaining a registry that is sufficient.

Thank you.

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