



CCM 2012 Testimony

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (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 the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

CCM supports Senate Bill 363 "*An Act Concerning Economic Opportunity.*"

This bill would, among other things, encourage remediation, development and financing of brownfields.

Brownfield remediation is an important part of Connecticut's efforts to 1) spur development in places where the infrastructure to support it already exists, 2) improve blighted areas, 3) limit sprawl and preserve open space in outlying areas, and 4) clean up our environment.

CCM has long supported legislative initiatives that would provide additional funds for brownfield analysis and remediation; place and keep the liability of contaminated properties with the person(s) who created the contamination; and place a greater emphasis on identifying and remediating brownfields – instead of using "greenfields" for the next building project.

CCM urges the committee to favorably report SB 363.



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