



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 House Bill 5342 "An Act Concerning Revisions to the State's Brownfields Remediation and Development Statutes."

HB 5342 would provide targeted Brownfield loans for affordable housing projects.

This proposal would provide additional opportunities for addressing two major issues facing municipalities across Connecticut. Providing low-interest loans to brownfield landowners and redevelopers for this purpose will ease the pressure to utilize "greenfields" for the next building project.

CCM has long been a supporter of measures that would help encourage affordable housing, as well as the remediation and redevelopment of blighted or contaminated brownfield properties. 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 urges the committee to **favorably report HB 5342.**



If you have any questions, please contact Donna Hamzy, Legislative Associate of CCM via email dhamzy@ccm-ct.org or via phone (203) 498-3000.