



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 the following bills:

Raised House Bill 5118 "*An Act Concerning the Reclassification of Trash-to-Energy Facilities as Class 1 Renewable Energy Sources,*" which would include energy derived from a trash-to-energy facility in the definition of Class 1 Renewable Energy and specify that the revenue derived from the sale of such energy benefit the municipalities which utilize that facility.

Raised Senate Bill 211 "*An Act Concerning Municipalities and Solid Waste Management,*" which would provide greater authority to local governments to regulate land solid waste disposal within their boundaries.

Raised Senate Bill 210 "*An Act Allowing Municipalities Completing a Survey of Unlicensed Dogs to Keep a Larger Portion of Dog License Fees,*" which would provide for a greater portion of the fees collected for dog licenses to be retained by the municipality.

- CCM urges the committee to favorably report these bills.

CCM has concerns with the following bill:

Raised House Bill 5256 "*An Act Concerning State Funded Housing Reconstruction within a Flood Plain.*" CCM is still examining the implications of this bill and is concerned that it may hamper local authority to regulate reconstruction.

- CCM urges the committee to ensure that local authority continues to be preserved before taking any action.



If you have any questions, please contact Kachina Walsh-Weaver, Senior Legislative Associate of CCM via email kweaver@ccm-ct.org or via phone (203) 710-9525.