



# CCM 2012 Testimony

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## ***ENVIRONMENT 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 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 ***opposes*** Senate Bill 92 "*An Act Concerning the Disposal and Collection of Unused Medication.*"

This bill would require municipal police departments to (1) purchase a secure locked box for the collection of unwanted pharmaceuticals, (2) make it accessible to the public twenty-four hours a day, and (3) arrange the transport of the unwanted pharmaceuticals to a biomedical waste treatment facility.

While CCM supports the intent of the bill to keep pharmaceuticals out of waste water systems, we have concerns over the expense of these locked boxes and the administration burdens it poses on municipal police departments. Currently, there is a pharmaceutical collection program in place through the Department of Consumer Protection which allows municipalities to voluntarily participate. We oppose the state mandate that police stations serve as collection sites.

CCM urges the committee to ***take no action on this bill.***



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