



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.

S.B. 262, "An Act Concerning the Assessment of Farm Machinery and Livestock and the Transfer of Land Classified as Farmland, Open Space Land, Forest Land and Maritime Heritage Land"

The majority of this proposal, from the Connecticut Association of Assessing Officers, attempts to clear up statutes concerning PA 490. They are reasonable proposals.

CCM urges the Committee to amend the bill to make exempting the assessment of certain horses, at local option. CCM is unsure of how a requirement would impact 169 towns. Making it local option allows towns that do not want to assess horses to not do so, yet allows others that may host expensive horses, to continue to assess them.

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