



CCM 2012 Testimony

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TRANSPORTATION 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 supports House Bill 5369 "*An Act Implementing a Natural Gas Pilot Program for Municipalities.*"

HB 5369 would require the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to establish natural gas transportation pilot program to facilitate the deployment of natural gas vehicles in municipalities.

Studies have shown that natural gas vehicles burn more cleanly and operate more cost effectively than gasoline or diesel vehicles. Connecticut's towns and cities are always seeking new and innovative ways to reduce costs. The results of this study will help policy makers across the state better understand the nuances of these vehicles.

CCM urges the committee to favorably report HB 5369, as a preliminary view as to whether or not energy and cost savings could be realized through the use of natural gas vehicles within their municipal fleets.

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