



# CCM 2012 Testimony

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## ***COMMERCE 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 5468 "An Act Concerning Regional Technology Deployment Centers."**

Would promote technology deployment by linking representatives of businesses, constituent units of higher education and municipal governments within single geographic regions of the state.

CCM has long advocated for high speed connections for municipalities to use among their own facilities, to all other towns, and to the state, as well as outbound connections to the world through advanced technology deployment.

The value of any network is established by the number of all entities connecting to it (Metcalf's Law). Promoting technology deployment to businesses, constituent units of high education and municipalities within single geographic regions will further enhance the value of any network established in the state.

CCM urges the committee to **favorably report this bill.**



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