

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.

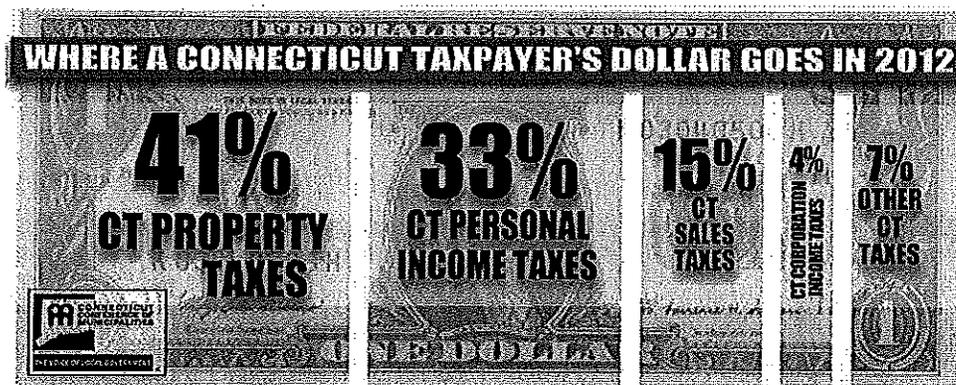
H.B. 5156, "An Act Requiring A Study of the Ways in Which Municipalities May Provide Property Tax Relief"

CCM hopes such a study will take a comprehensive approach to providing property tax relief to Connecticut's hard-pressed property taxpayers.

We urge you to specifically request that the study include (1) PILOT funding shortfalls and (2) meaningful mandates reform as a way to provide property tax relief.

Present state statutes dictate that towns and cities are dependent on one tax – the property tax – for the vast majority of their revenue.

Our struggling communities are in dire need of comprehensive property tax relief.



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If you have any questions, please contact Ron Thomas at rthomas@ccm-ct.org or (203) 498-3000.