



# 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. 102, "An Act Prohibiting Local Building Standards"**

CCM opposes this bill.

This bill would prohibit towns and cities from enacting ordinances that contain building codes that are stronger than that of the State.

CCM is not aware of any widespread problems that would necessitate this bill.

Municipalities should be encouraged to develop the tightest of ordinances to ensure public safety. State standards should be the *floor*, not the ceiling.

Frankly, the buck stops with communities. If there is a public safety accident, eyes will not be on the State, but on the mayor/first selectman of a community. It is she/he who will be asked "how did you let this happen?"

CCM urges the Committee to take no action on this bill.

Thank you.

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