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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 92% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

CCM **supports** House Bill 6360 "*An Act Concerning Implementation of Connecticut's Comprehensive Energy Strategy*"

The proposal would, among other things, provide a greater ability to municipalities, who participate in the virtual net metering program created in PA 11-80, to lease or own the Class I Renewable facilities. It also expands the program to include Class III renewable facilities and raises the statutory cap of \$1 million to \$10 million. *Section 5*

The proposal would make the installation of Class I and Class II renewable energy resources more economically viable for municipalities by alleviating the financial barriers that the ownership requirement in PA 11-80 posed for municipalities interested in the program. As well, the increase in the statutory cap from \$1 million to \$10 million will allow a greater amount of facilities to qualify throughout the state.

Additionally, CCM supports the technical changes made to the microgrid program by allowing connectivity across state highways and roads, as well allowing connectivity to multiple sites.

CCM urges the committee to **favorably report House Bill 6360.**



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