

CCM 2013 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 92% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

CCM supports the purpose of House Bill 6634 "*An Act Establishing a Pilot Program for Municipal Campaign Finance Filings*".

CCM understands that the intent of this bill is to explore the feasibility of alleviating the local responsibility for certain election-related records retention and transferring them to the State Election Enforcement Commission (SEEC).

There is a significant responsibility and cost associated with maintaining public records. Municipalities have invested in vaults and other protective mechanisms for the storage of these important records. This pilot program would explore the retention of such records, and the filing of certain campaign documents, with the SEEC, thus relieving this burden from the backs of local governments and providing a more one-stop-shop repository for Connecticut's elections records.

CCM urges the committee to **continue to explore this possibility** and support this bill.

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