



# CCM 2013 Testimony

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## ***INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE 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 92% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

**Raised Senate Bill 446** "*An Act Concerning Health Insurance Coverage and Tort Reform*"

CCM **supports SB 446** as it would, among other things, reduce the number of health insurance mandates.

It is undeniable that mandated expansions of health insurance coverage increase insurance costs and thus premiums, which are eventually borne by policy holders - municipalities to name one. Therefore, SB 446 would be a reasonable means of relief for hometown budgets already struggling with skyrocketing health insurance costs.

CCM urges the Committee to **favorably report SB 446**.

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