



# 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.

### *HB 6639 "An Act Concerning The Use Of An Automated Number Plate Recognition System"*

The bill would prohibit the collection of certain information when using a license plate recognition system and limit the use of the technology to only law enforcement. The technology affectively automates the recognition and processing of data that would otherwise be processed visually. Many towns and cities throughout Connecticut utilize these systems to assist in ensuring public safety, but also to enforce other matters, such as the collection of municipal taxes.

HB 6639 would restrict the use of this technology reduce a municipalities ability to ensure that the collection of taxes is properly maintained. In these economic times, towns and cities continue to do more with less. This proposal would greatly hinder the ability to, among other things, collect taxes. The economic shortfall will only lead to a higher property taxes and a reduction of municipal services.

CCM urges the committee to **take no action** on **HB 6676**.



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