



# 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 6375 AN ACT CONCERNING UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS**

This proposal would amend the Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection's (DESPP) statewide uniform crime reporting process with regard to municipal police departments' that do not properly file their reports. As proposed, if a local police department does not properly file their reports, the DESPP Commissioner would notify the State Office of Policy & Management (OPM) and the municipal CEO that such information is missing. HB 6375 would then provide OPM with the discretion to deny municipalities' eligibility for state and federal law enforcement grants if such information is not properly reported within 60 days.

It is no secret that towns and cities have been forced to do more with less during these unprecedented fiscal times – and currently manage the local bottom line with limited resources – both personnel and financial. To this end, **CCM has concerns over the policy and fiscal implications this proposal would impose by potentially denying hometowns critical funds used to keep our communities safe due to administrative errors.**

CCM urges the committee to take no action on HB 6375.



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