

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 6488 *"An Act Concerning the Evacuation and Temporary Sheltering of Certain Animals During Emergencies"*

This proposal would require that each town and city consider whether to include the sheltering of pets and service animals in their local emergency preparedness plans. Recent emergencies have highlighted the need to enhance the capabilities of local, regional, and state emergency responses – namely in the area of animal sheltering.

To this end, *CCM supports the intent of proposed HB 6488* and urges the Committee to uphold the objective of this proposal, while also ensuring that it does not become another unfunded state mandate on critical municipal resources.

Therefore, CCM urges the Committee to reinforce that HB 6488 would stipulate adequate State support of emergency management resources to municipalities, and to then **favorably report the bill.**



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