



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.

Proposed Raised Bill 6565 "An Act Eliminating a Towns Ability to Phase in a Real Property Assessment Decrease"

This proposal would mandate that towns and cities are prohibited from implementing a strategy of phasing in a property revaluation for decreasing grand lists.

It is no secret that local officials need a certain level of discretion and flexibility that can best fit their communities as they navigate this stalled economy. To this end, **Raised Bill 6565 would deny municipalities the local option of phasing in a revaluation on a decreasing grand list** and thus, prohibit local officials from possibly lessening the burden of looming property tax shifts.

Towns and cities need options as they face the challenges of this fiscal climate – this proposed state mandate would limit such options.

CCM urges the Committee to **take no action on 6565.**

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