



CCM 2014 Testimony

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EDUCATION 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.

HB 5078, "An Act Imposing a Moratorium on the Implementation of the Common Core State Standards"

CCM believes that it is of utmost importance to ensure each child in the State of Connecticut receives a world class education. CCM urges the Committee to make certain that requirements and standards do not disrupt students' progress and ensure they receive the best education possible.

To this end, CCM hopes a firm look is taken at the funding of our education system. Education is the largest single item in municipal budgets, in some towns as much as 80% of the total budget and the ECS grant is currently underfunded by more than \$700 million. Chronic state underfunding of PreK-12 public education has made Connecticut the most reliant state in the nation on property taxes to fund education. This, coupled with the creation of a balanced and complete school curriculum, will surely help to uphold Connecticut as a place where people want to work and live.



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