



# CCM 2014 Testimony

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## ***ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY 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 5116, "An Act Concerning Solar Lighting Systems"**

HB 5116 would exempt certain solar lighting systems from property tax and sales and use tax. CCM is unaware of any statewide need for this particular proposal – and has concerns about the potential negative fiscal impact this bill could have on local property tax revenue for towns and cities.

CCM would appreciate the opportunity to work with the Committee to clarify the intent of this proposal and ensure municipal revenues are not negatively affected.

We therefore, urge the Committee to (1) obtain a detailed fiscal analysis on the impact this proposal would have on local property tax revenues, and (2) hold HB 5116 until further analysis and clarification are conducted.



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