

CCM 2014 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.

SB 117 "An Act Authorizing Municipalities To Modify Zoning Standards"

CCM supports SB 117

This bill would provide legislative relief, as proposed by the Connecticut Chapter of the American Planners' Association in response to the recent Connecticut Appellate Court decision *MacKenzie v. Monroe* indicating that local Zoning Commissions have no statutory authority to enact flexible zoning regulations.

SB 117 would authorize a local zoning commission to grant a modification of a bulk or dimensional standard by a three-quarters vote of all members of the commission. Numerous towns and cities have regulations authorizing the Zoning Commission to modify a dimensional standard such a setback under certain circumstances, and SB 117 would codify in statute what is current practice in many municipalities.

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