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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 156 towns and cities and over 96% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

HB 5405 "An Act Concerning Applications for New or Expanded Solid Waste Facilities"

CCM supports HB 5405, which would provide needed local control and input into the approval process for new or expanded solid waste facilities.

Simply put, the bill would require local approval and permits be granted before the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) consider an application for a permit to construct or expand a solid waste facility.

This is a common sense proposal to ensure that municipal concerns are taken into consideration and addressed before seeking state approval. Local officials understand what is in the best interest of their residents, know of potential impacts related to the siting of large and traffic intensive businesses within their communities.

The requirement of parties seeking to build or expand solid waste facilities to seek local approval first will ensure that municipal officials are aware of proposed projects from the beginning, allow for the input of local officials and residents and prevent instances where municipalities are not informed of the application for such a permit until after tentative approval from DEEP.

CCM urges the Committee to support HB 5405.



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