



CCM 2015 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 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 5879, "An Act Increasing the Maximum Amount of Property Tax Abatement for Local Volunteer Emergency Service Personnel"

While well intentioned, HB 5879 would increase the property tax abatement by 25%, for fire and EMS volunteers from \$1,000 to \$1,250.

The proposal acknowledges the 200-pound gorilla in the room- the overburdened property tax. However it does nothing to provide relief to average taxpayers – it adds to their burden by providing another entity (modest) relief.



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