



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 95% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

HB 5931, "An Act Concerning Tax Relief Zones Around Airports"

CCM opposes HB 5931, while well intentioned it would impose another unfunded mandate on municipalities by requiring the establishment of "tax relief" zones for homeowners living near airports.

Towns and cities lose staggering amounts of revenue as the result of more than 70 state-mandated property tax exemptions including exemptions from the real and personal property owned by the State and by private colleges and hospitals. These state-imposed obligations and state-imposed revenue losses force all municipalities to increase their property tax rates.

HB 5931, despite its good intentions, would be yet another unfunded state mandate imposed on towns and cities.

CCM urges the Committee to take no action on HB 5931.



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