



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

### **HB 6596, "An Act Concerning Main Street Committees"**

CCM opposes HB 6596, which would mandate the establishment of "Main Street committees" that would seek to improve the physical appearance and broaden the retail mix in urban street corridors.

These committees which be authorized to carrying out the above prescribed goals would impede on the efforts of existing economic development and planning and zoning commissions. The decision to establish a body such as a Main Street Committee should be left to towns and cities and not imposed on them through a state mandate.

CCM urges the Committee to take no action this bill.



If you have any questions, please contact Randy Collins, Senior Legislative Associate, at [rcollins@ccm-ct.org](mailto:rcollins@ccm-ct.org) or (203) 498-3000.