



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

SB 213, "An Act Establishing a Partial Property Tax Exemption for Newly Installed or Improved Public Service Company Infrastructure"

SB 213 would establish a partial property tax exemption for public service company infrastructure installed or improved after October 1, 2015.

CCM **opposes SB 213**. While local officials appreciate the overall goal and strategy to expand natural gas across Connecticut – SB 213 would impose a "de facto mandate" by providing an "option" for local property tax exemptions – positioning many towns and cities to feel compelled to enact. Simply stated, SB 213 seeks to buy good will from specific entities by using extremely limited, local property tax dollars.

CCM urges the Committee to take **no action on SB 213**.



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