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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 572, "An Act Concerning Gigabit Internet Access"

SB 572 would facilitate the development of gigabit Internet infrastructure in municipalities across the state.

CCM supports this proposal.

CCM has long advocated for the development of enhanced Internet access and capability. SB 572 would be a compliment to the progress made thus far regarding towns and cities' access to the state's Nutmeg Network. The capability of Connecticut's Internet infrastructure, as it relates to municipal government -- and the local residents and businesses they support -- is critical to the success of local economic development, job growth, and the achievement of efficiencies. Simply put, SB 572 would provide municipal officials with a much-needed tool to boost the development of their communities in the 21st century.

CCM urges the Committee to favorably report SB 572.



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