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

HB 6840, "AN ACT CONCERNING INVESTMENTS IN CONNECTICUT'S TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE"

CCM **supports HB 6840** as it would initiate a financial strategy to support the much needed process for improving Connecticut's transportation infrastructure.

The increased use of the state and local road and bridge, and rail networks has accelerated the decline of Connecticut's local transportation infrastructure. It has led to skyrocketing maintenance costs that require an ever-increasing percentage of state and local budgets.

The reality in Connecticut is there are no separate state and local transportation networks – they are all interconnected. Funding for, and maintenance and repair of, our transportation networks should be conducted in a coordinated and equitable manner. HB 6840 would initiate much-needed investments in state roads and railways and should be done in concert with sufficient investments in local roads and bridges.

Correlations between investments in transportation infrastructure and economic growth have been widely accepted for decades. **CCM urges the Committee to favorably report HB 6840** and make substantial investments in local transportation infrastructure a top public safety and local economic priority.



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