



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

HB 7052, "An Act Concerning Restrictions on Persons Running for Public Office Who Have Violated the Public Trust"

Political officials who betray the public trust by engaging in criminal activity tear at the very fabric of a democratic society.

CCM has been very active in trying to ensure that municipal officials are aware of local ethics laws. CCM sponsors workshops throughout the year on ethics and conflicts of interest laws.

Just last week, CCM published a toolkit for municipal officials, providing them with sample codes of ethics and other pertinent information to help municipal officials comply with the law.

For those municipal officials who do not comply with state and local laws, there should be measures municipalities can use to protect the public. CCM looks forward to working with the Committee on proposals that provide municipalities with such alternatives.

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