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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 5911 "An Act Concerning a Restructuring the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board"

CCM supports the proposal that would restructure the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Board.

Last year, CCM was successful in advocating for changes to the EMS provider process that provide local officials with the necessary authority to determine their Primary Service Area (PSA) providers. As a result of that legislation, towns and cities are now beginning to examine their current EMS practices within their community.

Pursuant to CGA § 19a-178a, the EMS Advisory Board must "assist in coordinating the efforts" in regards to EMS, and provide "advice on the development of the emergency medical service system where needed". In recent years however, the Board has not made advancements in line with its original charge and bylaws. As a result, little has been done to assist local EMS efforts.

CCM supports efforts to restructure the Board in a manner that would establish a strategic plan to enhance the state's EMS system. This plan should align with the understanding of the local EMS, and specifically the government and budgeting process for EMS services.

CCM urges the Committee to favorably report HB 5911.



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