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Testimony in support
HB 6221 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOVERY OF MUNICIPAL HEALTH CARE PLAN FUNDS
Planning and Development Committee
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Good afternoon Co-Chairs Senator Cassano, Senator Logan, Representative Lemar ,Ranking Member Representative Zawistowski, and esteemed members of the Planning and Development Committee

This bill is intended to help cities struggling financially recoup funds they have paid out of their self-insured provisions when municipal employees are involved in out of work accidents and thereafter recover moneys in a legal settlement.

The design of this bill would not harm employees, as when the legal settlement is being negotiated the payback amounts will be taken into consideration when looking to achieve a certain dollar in pocket amount.

Having spoken with the leadership of the City of Waterbury and its legal counsel, they expressed this would be a very positive outcome for Waterbury and other similar cities. The ability to recoup these funds would be a relief to the taxpayers of Waterbury who are currently paying over 60 mils in taxes.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill to help Connecticut Cities.