



*Planning and Development Committee*

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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 96% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

**SB 450**      **"An Act Concerning Municipal Volunteer Services."**

CCM **supports** this bill.

SB 450 would prohibit municipalities from entering into collective bargaining agreements that limit the ability of municipalities to permit volunteer services for the benefit of municipalities.

Ensuring municipalities are not forced to bargain away their ability to hire volunteers will help local governments continue to provide local services in a cost effective and efficient manner.

For those reasons CCM would encourage the Committee **support SB 450**.

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