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 99% of Connecticut’s population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.


CCM **supports a statewide ban or tax on single-use plastic bags and plastic straws.**

CCM support measures which will reduce our alliance on wasteful, damaging and economically-hurtful single use plastics.

Single use plastic bags and plastic straws plague our waterways, litter our streets, entangle and kill wildlife, add to municipal litter collection costs and catch basin cleaning costs and jam up expansive sorting machinery at recycling centers.

Towns and cities across the state are attempting to mitigate this problem by eliminating the offending products or separating them from the recycling stream altogether. Barring any action at the state level, local communities are and have been taking on this initiative with local bans. A simple google search will return a list of municipalities that are moving forward with plastic bag bans. Norwalk, Stamford, New Haven, Hamden, Hartford are all considering bans, while Greenwich and Westport have bans in place.

In addition to a ban on these plastics, CCM supports EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) legislative initiatives that would encourage reduced use of plastic films and increase recycling through a manufacturer operated and financed program, as part of a longer term initiative.

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