



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 representing 168 towns and cities.

H.B. 6418 “An Act Concerning Abandoned and Blighted Property Receivership.”

CCM SUPPORTS H.B. 6418.

PA 19-92 established the Abandoned and Blighted Property Receivership program in the state. The Act provided that municipalities with a population threshold of 35,000 or above use the program to rehabilitate abandoned properties by providing that if an owner of a residential, commercial, or industrial building fails to maintain it in accordance with applicable municipal codes, the Superior Court may appoint a receiver to make the necessary improvements. CCM supports **H.B 6418 as it seeks to remove the population threshold** created by PA 19-92, providing access to this very important program for all municipalities in the state.

The state of Connecticut, across all size communities, is suffering from an abundance of homes that have been abandoned or blighted (unsafe, uninhabitable, and not being worked on). Deteriorating and abandoned residential, commercial, and industrial structures are a public-safety threat and nuisance, and their blighting effect diminishes property values throughout neighborhoods in both urban and rural communities, creating a financial burden for municipalities as a result of lost tax revenue. Receivership helps cities and small towns alike to reduce the cost and liability of vacant, blighted properties and gets properties back on tax rolls and into productive use.

CCM encourages the Committee to SUPPORT H.B 6418 to ensure equitable access to this program across the state.



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