



# CCM Testimony

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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 99% towns and cities.

### HB 7061 "An Act Concerning Mandatory Minimum Parking Requirements"

HB 7061 prohibits imposition of mandatory minimum parking requirements for any development in the state.

CCM opposes this bill.

Over the years, the legislature has changed how municipalities can zone in regards to minimum parking standards. In 2021, CCM worked with various stakeholders on zoning changes including minimum parking standards. Public Act 21-29 was adopted and in that process, the public act prohibited zoning regulations from requiring more than one parking space for each studio or one-bedroom apartment, or more than two parking spaces for each dwelling unit with two or more bedrooms.

This proposed bill would undue that collaborative process and prohibit zoning regulations from requiring any number of off-street motor vehicle parking spaces for any development. While CCM understands that PA 21-29 aimed to prevent "unnecessary" parking requirements, it still allowed local authorities to regulate parking within reasonable limits. This bill, however, goes too far.

Local officials must carefully balance multiple factors when setting parking requirements, including public transportation access, public safety, infrastructure capacity, and emergency response needs. While capping parking in certain areas may support transit-oriented development (TOD) and promote public transportation in which those areas have it, an outright ban on minimum parking requirements statewide is shortsighted and disregards local realities. CCM sees no reason to advance this bill.



If you have any questions, please contact [Zachary McKeown](#) of CCM.