HB 6151

TESTIMONY

of the

CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

to the

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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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 93% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

CCM ***supports***:

- **Raised Bill 6151** ***"An Act Increasing the Municipal Revenue Share of Traffic Enforcement Tickets,"*** would (1) increase the municipal revenue share of traffic enforcement tickets written by local law enforcement officials, and (2) increase traffic safety and enforcement on local and residential roads.
- **Raised Bill 6180** ***"An Act Increasing the Municipal Share of Funds Received by The State for Moving Violations,"*** would provide municipalities with a greater portion of the state revenue from motor vehicle moving violations.
- **Raised Bill 6203** ***"An Act Raising Fines for all Motor Vehicle Moving Violations,"*** would increase the administrative fee charged by towns on moving violations from five dollars to ten dollars.

These proposals would provide municipalities with a greater portion of state revenue from motor vehicle infractions.

It should be noted that, municipalities do all the work, yet only receive $5 per violation; the rest goes to the state. It is fair and reasonable for our towns and cities to receive a greater portion of the proceeds.

State policy should ensure that towns and cities get through the brutal economic situation of the next few years without slashing local public services and causing spikes in already sky-high property taxes.

CCM urges the committee to ***favorably report these bills***, as steps the state can take to provide municipalities with much needed property tax relief.

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