



TESTIMONY
of the
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
ENVIRONMENT 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 Senate Bill 828 "An Act Establishing a Paint Stewardship Program."

This bill would create a system in which **paint manufacturers are responsible** for creating, financing, and managing an environmentally sound program to (1) reduce the generation and promote the reuse of post-consumer paint; and (2) be responsible to collect, transport, and process post consumer paint for end-of-life management through reuse, recycling, energy recovery, or disposal.

Properly designed, a Paint Stewardship Program would take the financial and administrative burden of end-of-life disposal for paint products off the back of local governments. This is a no-cost proposal for the state and could result in significant statewide savings for municipalities.

CCM urges the committee to favorably report this bill.

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