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***CCM-member leaders to address  
Finance Committee on Monday, March 4  
to press for changes in the Governor's proposed  
state budget to stop harm to towns and cities  
and property taxpayers***

Member mayors, first selectmen, and town managers from the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) will be testifying on Monday, March 4 before the General

Assembly's Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee, pushing for the committee to reject:

- The unprecedented changes in the structure of state grants and payments-in-lieu-of-taxes reimbursements to cities and towns, as presented in the Governor's proposed budget.
- Towns and cities losing \$128 million in state aid that helps fund non-education operating expenses. State aid has been diverted to education and capital programs.
- The proposed elimination of the property tax on motor vehicles, without providing state funding reimbursement to municipalities – that would result in at least a \$633 million loss in local revenues annually.

"The proposed state budget would abandon and shift many state funding commitments to towns and cities," said Jim Finley, CCM Executive Director and CEO. "It will force mayors and first selectmen to raise already high property taxes, make additional cuts to municipal services,

and lay off more municipal employees. Cities and towns are asking the General Assembly for help. We need to work together to develop a state budget that protects municipal revenues, residential and business property taxpayers, and the quality of life in Hometown Connecticut.”

**CCM leaders who are scheduled to address the committee are:**

- Jim Finley, CCM Executive Director and CEO
- William Finch, Mayor of Bridgeport and First Vice President of CCM
- Pedro Segarra, Mayor of Hartford and a member of CCM’s Board of Directors
- Richard Moccia, Mayor of Norwalk and a member of CCM’s Board of Directors
- Mark Boughton, Mayor of Danbury and a member of CCM’s Board of Directors
- Marcia Leclerc, Mayor of East Hartford
- Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor of Mansfield and a past president of CCM
- Lisa Pellegrini, First Selectman of Somers and a member of CCM’s Board of Directors
- Austin Tanner, First Selectman of Brooklyn
- Jeff Bridges, Town Manager of Wethersfield
- Matt Hart, Town Manager of Mansfield
- Michael Milone, Town Manager of Cheshire