

# Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



February 11, 2023

Esteemed Chairs Lopes and Gresko,  
Members of the Environment Committee:

The Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG) appreciates the opportunity to comment on Raised Bill 6611, *An Act Concerning On-Line Dog Licenses from the Department of Agriculture*.

Raised Bill 6611 would provide an option for dog owners to obtain and renew dog licenses online. Such an option would improve user convenience (obviating a trip to town hall for the dog owner) as well as enhance municipal operations (issuance of a dog license has been found to cost more to a municipality than the license brings in in revenue).

For these reasons, WestCOG has suggested that dog licenses be provided online; Raised Bill 6611 is consistent with this suggestion.

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Francis Pickering".

Francis R. Pickering  
Executive Director