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Dear Senator McDonald, Representative Lawlor and members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am addressing you today in opposition to **H.B. 5528 AN ACT CONCERNING THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT** and urge your committee's REJECTION of this bill.

The need for protecting fire fighters, police officers and other public officials who serve in sensitive positions from disclosure of home addresses and personal information has been a long-standing recognition.

Members of our profession regularly have interactions with the general public that can put them in emotionally volatile situations resulting in hostile exchanges and attitudes. The need for anonymity in these cases is crucial to the health and safety of our members and their families.

We urge your **OPPOSITION** to this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Paul J. Rapanault', is written over a horizontal line.

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