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Dear Senator Prague, Representative Zalaski and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee,

My name is Paul J. Rapanault. I am the Director of Legislative and Political Affairs for the Uniformed Professional Fire Fighters Association of Connecticut. Our 4,500 members serve in 60 fire departments throughout the state.

I am addressing you today on the following bills;

**H.B. No. 6328 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING TIMETABLES FOR MUNICIPAL BINDING ARBITRATION.** - we are **OPPOSED** to this bill. The timelines present in the current bill allow adequate flexibility for timely submission of documentation without causing additional costs to the parties. We see no benefit to the system by enacting this bill.

**H.B. No. 6329 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE OF HEALTH INSURANCE FOR SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS OF CERTAIN DECEASED POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS WHO HAVE DIED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES** - we **SUPPORT** this bill. The sacrifice made by families who have lost a spouse and parent in the line of duty should not be burdened by the loss of health insurance caused by the line of duty death of said spouse. This bill is a reasonable attempt to remedy that situation in the instances where the continuation of health benefits is not otherwise provided.

Thank you for your consideration.



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