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REALTORS[®] INC.

Statement On

**H.B. 6378 An Act Requiring An Automatic Fire Extinguishing System
in All One and Two-Family Homes**

OPPOSE !

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The Connecticut Association of Realtors supports reasonable life-saving measures, including sprinkler systems, but believes their installation in private homes should be determined by informed consumer choice, not government fiat.

The cost can add thousands of dollars to the cost of a home, often requiring separate water mains and/or pressurized water storage tanks. Some water companies may impose a monthly fee - - per sprinkler head - - whether their water is used or not.

Smoke alarms should certainly be promoted. Alarms cut in half the risk of death by fire.

We appreciate your consideration of our views and urge you to oppose this bill.



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