



CONNECTICUT FIRE MARSHALS ASSOCIATION

Ct General Assembly
Planning and Development Committee
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Chairs Sen. Cassano and Rep Gentile and members of the planning and Development committee. I am Kevin Kowalski , Fire Marshal in the town of Simsbury and I also represent The Members of the Ct Fire Marshal association with includes over 350 certified marshals in CT. I am here to testify against SB 487 AA prohibiting local Building standards. I have been connected with the fire service for over 36 years and have been a certified official for over 25 of those years. I have served on several code promulgation committees for the State and continue to do so. We are against this bill because in very limited basis there is a necessity to provide or require an additional safe guard for a specific reason. An example is in our community we have in ordinance that the street number must displayed on the building prior to a certificate of occupancy being issued. If this were to pass we could not require any additional requirements do to abnormal situations , 2500 ft driveway , hydrants locations , co detectors etc.

The requirements that are placed in ordinance our vetted through a very robust review process that is subject to local control. The language in this bill is very broad and will negate some safety devices / protective that currently exist.

Please do not remove the ordinances that are currently protecting our citizens and to allow the communities to install minor improvements as necessary. And please continue to allow these feature to be review on a local basis.

Thank you

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