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Dear Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committees,

I am David Hardt the Deputy Fire Chief from the Watertown Fire Department and also currently the Waterbury Area Fire Chief's Association School Committee Chairman. I support Senate bill #25 section 2 (b) (2) that pertains to Capital construction, improvements, repairs, renovations and land acquisition at the State Regional Fire Training Schools. This school committee oversee the Wolcott State Fire School located in Wolcott with this funding will be moved to a new site in Cheshire which was state property already and was no additional cost to the tax payers.

First, I would like to applauded Governor Malloy and all of the legislators esp. Betty Boukus who have contributed in helping the fire service to getting to this point.

These projects are way over do and the fire service in Connecticut has been very patient in waiting for a long 12 years and hopefully the time has arrived.

When people dial 911 in Connecticut they expect a properly trained firefighter at their door. This funding will provide the proper training facilities throughout our State to ensure that will continue to happen. All 3.5 million residents and all the commuters who pass through our great State each day will benefit from the funding.

Thank-you for all your support.

Sincerely,

David P. Hardt

Deputy Fire Chief / School Committee Chairman