



## CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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### SENATE BILL #25

My name is Ted Schroll and I am the Legislative Representative for the Connecticut State Firefighters Association. The Association represents approximately 26,000 career and volunteer firefighters in Connecticut.

Our Association has been actively involved in a project known as the Regional Fire Training School Capital Improvement Project. The project started with \$200,000 in bond funding to study the state's needs for capital improvements for 8 existing regional fire training schools. The study completed by CT Dept. of Public Works (now Construction Services) in 2001 determined that this was a \$62.2 Million project. In the ensuing years, the legislature has appropriated approximately \$26 Million to this project. Approximately \$12 Million has been allocated to provide rehabilitation for the New Haven & Hartford Regional Fire Training Schools. As you will note it has been 12 years and only 2 of the projects have been allocated. This delayed project is because of the slow disbursement of funding.

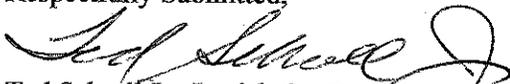
Gov. Malloy has recognized this year that the one way to move this project toward a rapid conclusion is to fully fund the rest of the project. Section 2 (b) (2) of Senate Bill #25 is the funding vehicle to do that. This section of Senate Bill #25 would provide \$28.2 Million and would allow the Department of Construction Services to move forward attempting to do more than one project at a time. In fact this amount would allow for multiple projects.

We ask that this committee agree with Governor Malloy and approve Section 2 (b) (2) as proposed. Without this additional funding, this project will virtually stop where it is. The remaining \$14 Million will only fund 2, and possibly only 1, of the remaining 6 schools.

This committee has previously supported this project as was possible. We ask that you continue your support during this critical time. When completed, this project will have a significant positive impact upon the training of Connecticut's firefighters. This impact will in turn allow these well trained firefighters to provide first class services to the citizens of the State of Connecticut.

### PLEASE SUPPORT SECTION 2 (b) (2) OF SENATE BILL #25

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Ted Schroll Jr., Legislative Representative  
Connecticut State Firefighters Association