



## CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Senator Steve Cassano, Co-Chair Planning & Development Committee  
Representative Jason Rojas, Co-Chair Planning & Development Committee  
Senator Leonard Fasano, Ranking Member Planning & Development Committee  
Representative William Aman, Ranking Member Planning & Development Committee

Members of the Planning & Development Committee,

My name is Ted Schroll, Legislative Representative for the Connecticut State Firefighters Association. Our Association represents more than 26,000 paid and volunteer firefighters in Connecticut. I would like to comment on **Proposed House Bill # 5294, AN ACT CONCERNING FEES FOR EMERGENCY CALLS.**

### **THE CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS THE PASSAGE OF THIS PROPOSAL.**

We are very concerned that if municipalities are allowed to charge a fee to any member of the public for reporting emergencies, then those members of the public may tend to not report legitimate emergencies. The safety of the public could be seriously jeopardized. This practice could penalize the municipalities' most vulnerable residents.

Additionally, most municipalities, especially the larger cities are already being subsidized by the State of Connecticut through the E-911 surcharge.

Respectfully,

*Ted Schroll Jr.*

Ted Schroll Jr., Legislative Representative  
Connecticut State Firefighters Association