



Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association



February 25, 2013

CT General Assembly
Public Safety and Security Committee
Re: Raised HB Bill# 6454

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the CT Fire Chief's Association, I am writing to support H.B. #6454, which would designate the road in front of fire stations as work zones. Many fire departments do not have safety devices that signal oncoming traffic when apparatus are exiting or backing into a fire station from the road. Though many departments do have backing policies that address the safety of the firefighters, there are many times when firefighters are still vulnerable when assisting the backing of apparatus from the roadway into the station. With the proper signage and public education, this bill will assist with firefighter safety as well as penalizing drivers who do not use due caution when driving by a fire station.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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