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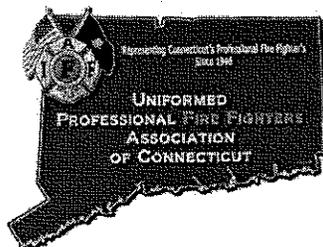
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Good afternoon Senator Hartley, Representative Dargan and members of the Public Safety and Security Committee. My name is Paul Rapanault. I am the Director of Legislation/Political Affairs of the Uniformed Professional Fire Fighters of Connecticut. The UPFFA represents 4,000 career fire fighters, Emergency Medical Technicians and dispatchers in nearly 60 municipal and state local unions.

I am here today in support of two bills before you.

S.B. No. 1094 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION. This bill makes statutory updates that are necessary due to the reorganization of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection. ***We SUPPORT THIS BILL.***

H.B. No. 6596 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS. This bill authorizes a referendum to determine if certain municipal police officers and firefighters may be covered by Medicare. In some cases, police and fire fighters may not be covered by Medicare. According to federal rules, before such employees can be considered for coverage, there must be a referendum of employees to permit participation. ***We SUPPORT THIS BILL.***

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

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