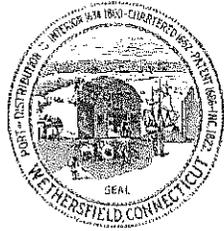


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CT General Assembly
Public Safety and Security Committee
Re: Raised HB Bill #6454

To Whom It May Concern:

As Chief of the Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department, I am writing to support H.B. #6454, which would designate the road in front of fire stations as a work zone. Only one of our three fire stations has safety devices that signal oncoming traffic when apparatus are exiting or backing into a fire station from the road. Though our department has a backing policy that addresses the safety of the firefighters, there are many times when our firefighters are still vulnerable when assisting the backing of apparatus from the roadway into the station.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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