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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 to support one bill before you.

H.B. No. 6454 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING FIRE STATION WORK ZONES. This bill would expand the definition of a 'Work Zone' to include "while a uniformed firefighter is directing traffic within a fire station work zone designated in a conspicuous manner by the Department of Transportation". This offers fire fighters protection while operating in a non-emergency capacity around fire stations and alerts the general public to the nature of the area in which they are traveling. We believe this is helpful to fire fighters and the general public as well. **We SUPPORT THIS BILL.**

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

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